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Recently alumni worldwide went online and shared Middlebury moments that changed them—that really “clicked.” Some of those moments are shown here.

Bottom line? Learning at Middlebury gives us strengths, awareness, and fellow travelers.

We’ve all had those moments when it clicked. And we can help others have them, too. There’s so much potential in young people at Middlebury. Help make it click for them.

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► Winning Midd’s first NCAA championship title in hockey



► When my professor started referring to me by my nickname



► Skiing down the Snow Bowl in a graduation cap and gown



► Seeing mountains when I looked both east and west



BY TERRY ALDRICH, AS TOLD TO MATT JENNINGS

In the Woods

I've gone hunting with a few students over the years. I think Dave Jareckie '01 was the first. Dave came to Middlebury as an older student, 28-years-old. He had already competed in a couple of Olympics in the biathlon, in 1992 and again in 1994, so he had what you'd call

a different student profile. It was Dave who introduced me to spring turkey hunting. And then a few years after Dave graduated, I'd go hunting with one of my Nordic athletes, Donovan Dums '06. We hunted deer and turkey together. But Katie McFarren '14? That's a great story.

A few years ago, when I was still coaching cross-country, Katie was one of my runners. And her first winter here, she and another student joined me and my wife, Beth Ann, on one of our snowshoe hikes into the mountains; we've been doing this for years, taking students on winter hikes. On the hike, I remember asking Katie if she was a vegetarian. She looked at me kind of funny, said "no," and asked why I was asking. I explained that on each of these hikes, we would stop, dig a fire pit in the snow, cut up some hardwood (I always carried a saw with me just for this purpose), allow the wood to burn down to red-hot coals, craft some skewers from green wood, and cook up some venison.

Her face lit up. "Venison!" she said. "I love venison." I must have looked surprised, because she excitedly told me that she had been hunting with her dad since she was a kid growing up in Nevada. "Well then," I replied, "next fall, let's go hunting."

Now, I must admit I had pretty much forgotten about this conversation by the time fall came back around, but one day after practice, she asked me: "Are we going to go hunting?"

A few days later, we went down to the Cornwall town clerk's office to get a state hunting license. Katie already had a license from Nevada and had been in residence in Vermont for more than a year, so she was able to pick up a license that day.

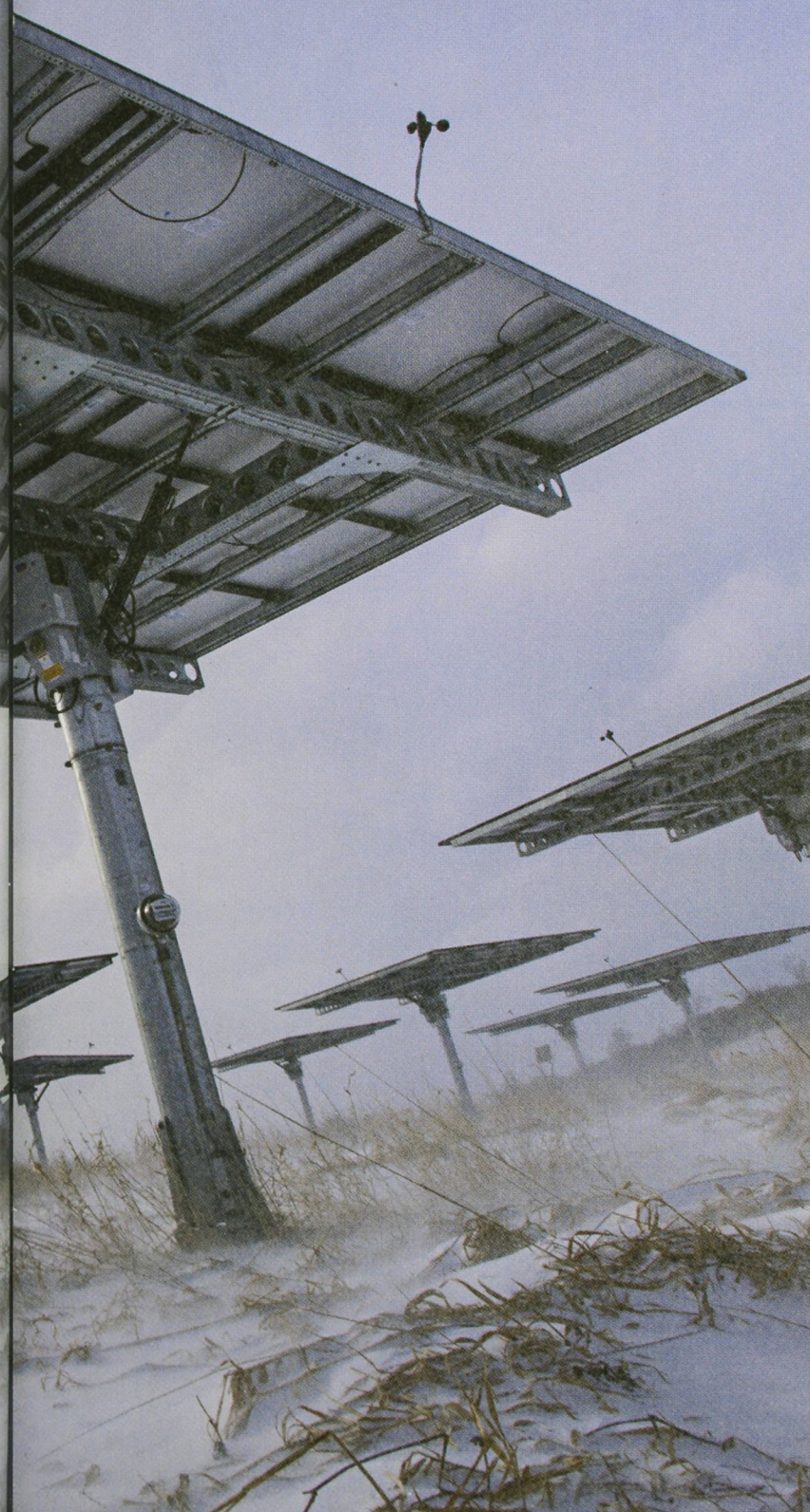
I had a .30-30 rifle at home that belonged to my son, and I told Katie that she was more than welcome to use it, but first I wanted her to get comfortable with it before we went out. I set up a target in the pasture behind my house, walked Katie back 50 yards, and asked her to show me what she could do. Well, she must have put three shots all within inches of each other. She looked over at me, smiled, and said, "I was on the rifle team in high school."

That season we went out hunting probably six different times, looking for deer in and around Cornwall. I'd pick her up well before dawn at Adirondack Circle, and off we'd go. We visited spots where I had seen deer before, but that fall, we didn't see anything. Not one deer. But that didn't detract from the experience.

I still think about Katie's reaction when I asked if she was a vegetarian. And the venison that night? I do my own butchering, so the meat was prepared just right. And after it had marinated for a while—perfect. **M**



Middlebury's solar farm, located just west of campus along Route 125, consists of 34 solar panels, which produce about 200,000 kilowatt-hours annually.



Above the earth, grass, and snow of a former hayfield, the College's solar panels float in their resting position as the sun god descends. ¶ The collectors perform their harvest between heaven and earth, like an energy-absorbing sculpture that parachuted down from the sky or mushrooms that rose from the soil. Their rhythm of position suggests the ordered wavelengths of light upon which they thrive. They offer a promise of warmth for the cold night to come. ¶ This is the bold, new aesthetic of a sustainable world: the formal beauty of the contrast between a modern machine in a pastoral landscape, the conceptual beauty of power generation that works with the environment, the social beauty of people taking responsibility for their part of the planet.

JOHN HUDDLESTON IS THE FLETCHER PROFESSOR OF STUDIO ART
Photograph by Brett Simison

 To see the solar panels in action, take an aerial tour of campus at go.middlebury.edu/campusair.





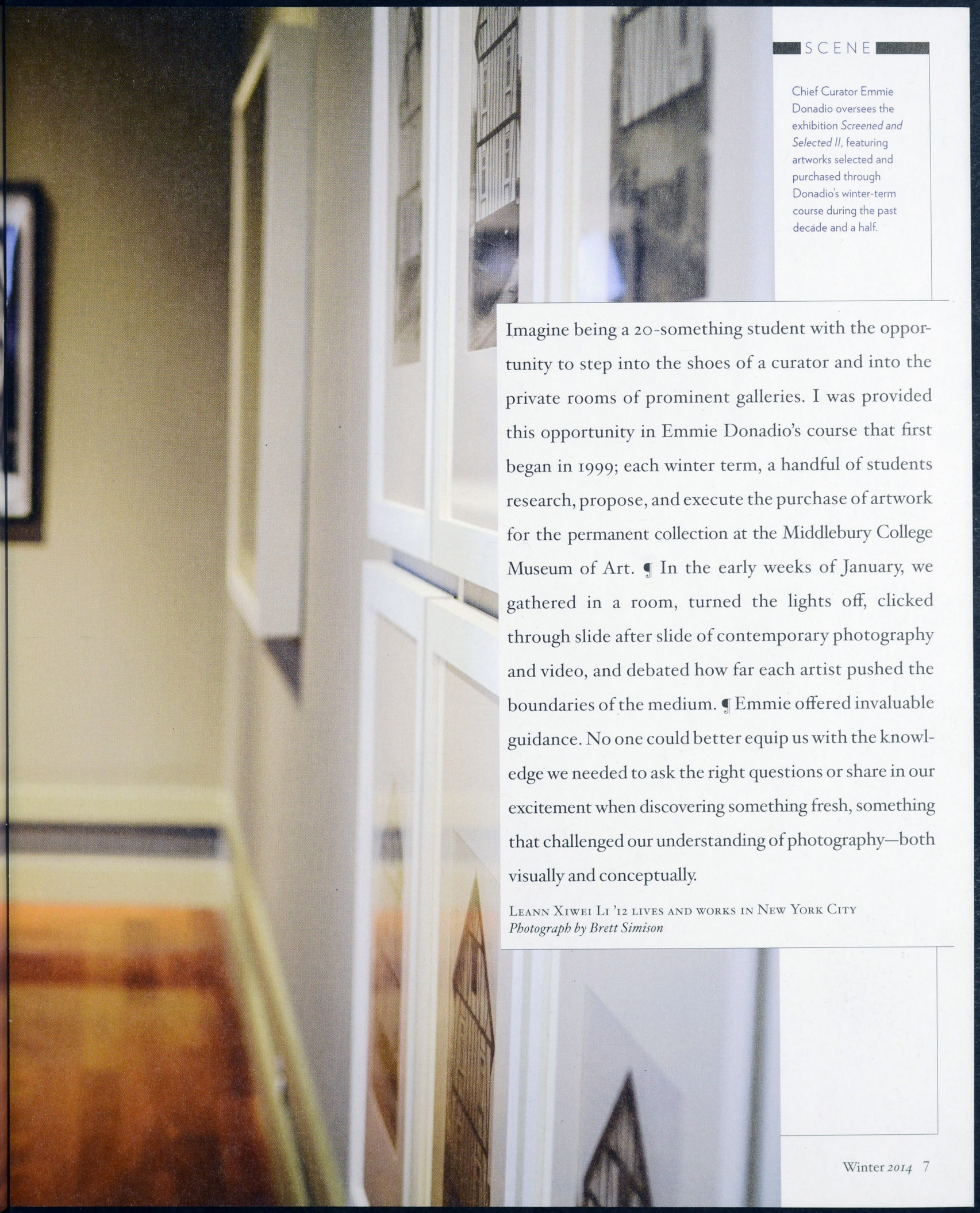
Underwater divers are but one of many popular attractions at Tokyo's Sunshine Aquarium.



In the bustling district of Ikebukuro in downtown Tokyo sits Sunshine City, a 60-story shopping mall that is home to all sorts of stores and amusements—including an aquarium. ¶ Ikebukuro is about a 30-minute train ride from the International Christian University's campus in Mitaka, and it is one of many fascinating neighborhoods to explore on the weekends. ¶ Even after multiple visits, I was surprised to find that two of these floors are dedicated to the Sunshine Aquarium, where even in such a tight-packed urban space, one can observe scuba divers swimming alongside sharks. After spending the day popping in and out of bustling shops and restaurants, I found that this serene aquarium provided the perfect underwater escape from the hustle and bustle of city life in Tokyo.

TEXT AND PHOTO BY STEWART HOFFMAN '14. HE STUDIED AT MIDDLEBURY'S C.V. STARR SCHOOL IN JAPAN.





Chief Curator Emmie Donadio oversees the exhibition *Screened and Selected II*, featuring artworks selected and purchased through Donadio's winter-term course during the past decade and a half.

Imagine being a 20-something student with the opportunity to step into the shoes of a curator and into the private rooms of prominent galleries. I was provided this opportunity in Emmie Donadio's course that first began in 1999; each winter term, a handful of students research, propose, and execute the purchase of artwork for the permanent collection at the Middlebury College Museum of Art. ¶ In the early weeks of January, we gathered in a room, turned the lights off, clicked through slide after slide of contemporary photography and video, and debated how far each artist pushed the boundaries of the medium. ¶ Emmie offered invaluable guidance. No one could better equip us with the knowledge we needed to ask the right questions or share in our excitement when discovering something fresh, something that challenged our understanding of photography—both visually and conceptually.

LEANN XIWEI LI '12 LIVES AND WORKS IN NEW YORK CITY
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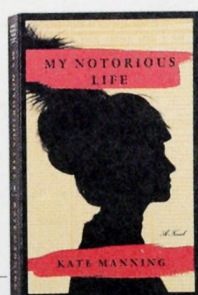
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Read On

Living in Vermont, I am often asked what I like “to do”—the expectation being that I’ll describe some variation of skiing, bicycling, trail running, winter camping, mountaineering, or a combination of all these things. (I no doubt have a friend who has cycled her road bike up the App Gap, hopped off and trotted a few miles through the woods, scampered up the rocky face of a cliff, bedded down for the night, awakened to fresh snow, and then skied her way back down to her bike.)

What do I like to do? I like to read. That’s not to say that my friends are anti-reading (they’re probably in their winter-camping tents, headlamps blazing, catching up on back issues of the *Economist*). It’s just that I approach reading with the same obsession as my friend Nicole does when running 20 miles in subzero temperatures.

Need an example of my madness? I read when I walk—anywhere, anytime. The other day, I

found myself walking in the road at dusk, lost in a *New Yorker* story on grease theft. I was only a few paragraphs into my journey—space and time being measured in paragraphs and pages when read-walking—when I thought better of my chosen route. But not my chosen “hobby.”

I’ve always been a voracious reader and honestly think of reading the way other folks approach . . . whatever they love to do. (“I really want to get in two hours today.”) My wife also reads voraciously, though she draws the line at the act being an ambulatory one. You can imagine my pride last summer when the Jennings family was walking home from the Vermont Book Shop, and the seven-year-old was marching right along, face buried in *The Quirks: Welcome to Normal* (!).

So in this winter season, I encourage you to spend some quality time with your favorite read. Here’s hoping you start with this magazine. 

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Terry Aldrich ("Into the Woods") coached at Middlebury for 36 years, during which time his Nordic and cross-country teams won eight national championships and 11 conference championships. He didn't start hunting until he moved to Vermont, but he's now an avid, three-season hunter.

Christiane Beauregard ("Department Survey") is an extremely talented illustrator who makes her home in Montreal. She got her start in the design department of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and now counts periodicals (*New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Harvard Business Review*), cultural institutions (Montreal Science Centre, Canadian Museum of Civilization), and universities (Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt) among her many happy clients.

Juliette Borda ("Conventional Wisdom") has long been on design director Pamela Fogg's wish list to contribute to *Middlebury Magazine*, and the stars finally aligned for this issue's feature package, in which Midd faculty members weigh in on commonly held beliefs. Juliette's whimsical illustrations have appeared on the cover of the *New Yorker* and in the pages of *Travel + Leisure*, *Smart Money*, and the *New York Times Magazine*.

Tim Etchells '74 ("Uncle Donnie Takes on the World") is surely no stranger to many readers of this magazine. He has twice stood atop the masthead as editor (from 1982-1986 and from 1988-1992); has contributed to our pages as a member of the communications staff; and can be frequently spotted at the Snow Bowl, on the ice in Kenyon, or among the crowd at Panther sporting events. Now a freelancer, Tim once edited *Ski Racing* magazine and was a natural choice to chronicle the adventures of David Donaldson '13 in this issue.

Brett Simison (Cover, "The Call of the Wild") makes very fine pictures. Once an assistant to *National Geographic* photographer Michael "Nick" Nichols, the Citronelle, Alabama, native is at home in the outdoors, and his work reflects this level of comfort. His work has appeared in *Outside*, the *New York Times*, *Blue Ridge Outdoors*, and *Backpacker*. He is also a frequent contributor to this periodical.

Sarah Tuff '95 ("The Call of the Wild") writes about the outdoors (and other pursuits) for the likes of *Runner's World*, the *New York Times*, *Men's Journal*, the Burlington-alt weekly *Seven Days*, and *Ski Racing* magazine, where she is editor-in-chief.

First Frost

The great Robert Frost was an iconic New England figure during the years he spent living and writing in Ripton, Vermont. He would sometimes visit Middlebury College when he was in residence. Hugh Marlow '77—an icon in his own right—remembers one of those appearances.



MY FIRST FROST

I read with great delight Hugh Marlow's first encounter with Robert Frost ("Short Story: First Frost," fall 2013) and have been encouraged (by Hugh himself!) to share my own "first Frost" encounter. In the spring of 1962, I had occasion to meet the poet, and I introduced myself.

John Sinclair: "Mr. Frost, a pleasure to meet you. I'm from Vermont."

Mr. Frost: "My pleasure as well. And, may I ask, which town in Vermont?"

John Sinclair: "Windsor."

Now, it's worth sharing that Windsor, Vermont, was the site of the Vermont State Prison, a fact made evident in the poet's reply.

Mr. Frost: "Some of the best Vermonters are locked up down there."

—JOHN SINCLAIR '62, Springfield, Vermont

PERFECT PLACE

I thoroughly enjoyed the "Place"-themed feature package in the fall issue. Due to the strength of that package, I feel that that particular issue may be the best ever!

As a writer and American literature major, I could really relate to the importance of place. Ironically, as a freshman, under the watchful eye of Horace Beck, I wrote an essay with a similar theme. Keep up the great work.

—ROGER SAKOLOVE '72, Boynton Beach, Florida

WORTH CONSERVING

No matter where you live, this beautiful journey ("Some Kind of Place: Nuiqsut, Alaska") shows why the Arctic is vital to us all.

—@OCEAN CONSERVANCY, *Commenting on Twitter*

DISAPPOINTED IN DIVESTMENT DECISION

President Liebowitz's explanation of the board's decision not to pursue carbon divestment was especially concerning for its outline of the board's opaque investment strategy ("Divest? Not Now," fall 2013).

In describing this strategy, President Liebowitz describes how the College's endowment is lumped with funds "made up of the commingled assets of many other clients, individuals, and institutions alike, and may be invested in domestic and international equities, bonds, private partnerships, venture capital funds, real estate, and other investment vehicles." This reads like an echo of the unaccountable and deregulated investment strategies that contributed to the U.S. economic crises of the past five years, most notably in real estate markets.

The president, and presumably the board as well, justify this approach by pointing to the endowment's "superb" performance and to the fact that many other institutions use this hands-off approach. Given Middlebury's pride as a community that understands and appreciates context and consequences for the broader world, it is discouraging to find that critical conversation missing. This investment policy, ubiquitous as it might be, seems irresponsible. It appears that members of the Middlebury community now need to choose between short-term self interest and broad-minded leadership.

—JOSH WESSLER '09, New York, New York

DANGEROUS TO DIVEST?

This letter is in response to one written by fellow classmate Bill Wallace '61 in the fall 2013 issue regarding "Dialogue: Divest?"

I think it only reasonable that the politically correct contingent at Middlebury closely examine the many components that make up Middlebury's multimillion-dollar endowment fund. I would venture a guess that a substantial portion of these funds comes from industries or activities no longer considered palatable or



Les étudiants qui passent les fêtes de Noël au Cameroun sont véritablement immergés dans la culture Africaine. Non seulement ils apprennent à cuisiner les repas traditionnels, mais aussi ils partagent les métiers de la saison.

politically correct in today's Middlebury environment. Thus, could these folks be biting the hand that feeds them?

—CLAUS G. MUELLER '61, *Issaquah, Washington*

WHICH MIDDLEBURY PLACES LIVE ON?

In response to the Editor's Note ("Now and Then") from the fall 2013 issue, in which the editor was soliciting nominations for Middlebury places that live on in the mind's eye, I would like to submit the Bear Restaurant, which was located on Route 7 south and was a favorite of 1957–60 DUs for the late-night fare. In addition, this was the place after which L.D. Frasche '60 was renamed Bear—for his continued loyal patronage.

—DICK ATKINSON '60, *Sunapee, New Hampshire*

KUDOS, PRESIDENT LIEBOWITZ

As I was preparing a letter praising President Liebowitz, I picked up the news of his planned departure in 2015. (See p. 24.)

I have always found his commentary in the *Middlebury Magazine* stimulating, and I am sorry he will be leaving. I wanted to comment especially about his reasoned response ("Civility, Please," fall 2013) to the inflammatory incident when U.S. flags were vandalized on the campus on Sept. 11, 2013. His appeal for civility in the face of this travesty seemed to me to be exactly the right response to the public outcry of threats and vitriolic comments that it evoked. President Liebowitz's wise counsel will be missed.

—JESSIE WOODWELL BUSH '45, *Sun City Center, Florida*

IN SUPPORT OF FLAG REMOVAL

Regarding the removal of American flags as detailed in the Q&A with President Liebowitz ("Civility, Please," fall 2013): I see the student who took down the flags as someone who was silencing no one. I see her as responding in protest to an event that lacked thought. I see our native and black history as never being dealt with, a fact we are continuously reminded of.

Further, I think it was notable that the protesting student was a woman. So I see the discussions centering around "silencing" viewpoint as contrary to the point. The point is,

an event was allowed without the necessary thought process. Then there was a protest by people who have unresolved histories around ancient lands and maybe, since she was a woman, around the uselessness of war.

The response to the protesters continues to place the dominate over the subordinate and the institute over the student and the well-being of the "grown ups" over the feelings of the students. I believe that the College is missing the point and has been distracted by the media attention and the anger. It's all too bad, but does show how difficult it is to present opposing viewpoints.

—REBECCA SHRIGLEY HALL, *Commenting on middmag.com*

A SELFISH EXERCISE

In response to Rebecca Shrigley Hall's comments, I see the student and her friends' actions as those overtly designed to create discord, vitriol, and hatred, while purporting to enlighten all of us to the plight of those without a voice in our society. The exercise was one of "look at me," something to be expected of a child seeking attention or, perhaps, the behavior of an "adult" attempting to talk over everyone else in the room. Politicians thrive on this behavior to the detriment of everyone.

The message the student was sending was that it was going to be her way because she was the arbiter of right. Ms. Hall's defense of the student because she was a woman and was representing the Abenaki's rights on sacred burial grounds is contradicted by the Abenaki chief and the contention that these issues are expanded because the student is a woman. This is the sort of disinformational diatribe that turns many listeners off. How can an intelligent group of diverse people have thoughtful and prudent conversation when the arguments are front-loaded with distracting nonsense?

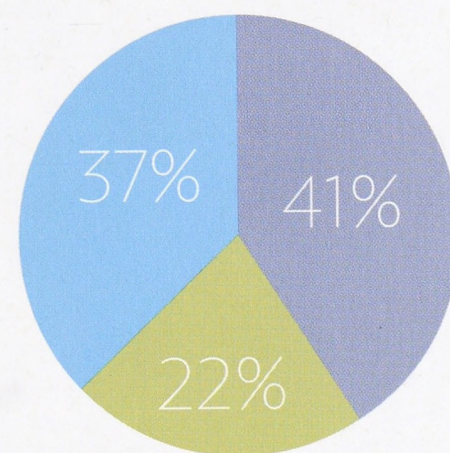
The act of removing the flags was an act of vandalism on private property. I assume the two College-sanctioned groups had permission for the display. The appropriate and thoughtful approach at a protest might have been the display of the opposing point of view. That would have taken time, and instant results were the goal, even if the College was made to suffer from the negative attention.

Why is anyone surprised at the outpouring

NUMBERS

Mail Bag During the past few months, our mailbag runneth over, especially our electronic one. Our photo in the print magazine and video on middmag.com that chronicled the return of a controversial piece of public art sparked nearly 30 comments, making the digital story the website's most commented on item. We print a sample of the responses in these pages.

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of hatred, threats, and vitriol inside and outside the College community? While we would like to view Middlebury as a more enlightened, civilized, and polite environment, it is a reflection of community attitudes and standards, which can be extremely disappointing. It is a reflection of the violent, homogenized mess we call entertainment, our hateful polarized politics, and our growing disrespect and disregard for others not in agreement with particular points of view.

I am disappointed with the attendance at the College-sponsored forums and the comment that many students might have been worried about the open forums. I disagree with that thought. If you do not vote, you should not complain about elected politicians. If you do not openly participate in forums essential to the message of higher education at Middlebury, you are not supporting your college, your community, and yourself.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," Thomas Jefferson wrote. Not much has changed over several hundred years. It is supposed to be about expressing thoughts and ideas without the fear of retribution.

My letter is only the second on this issue on the magazine website. That is highly disappointing.

—D. PERKINS '69, *Commenting on middmag.com*

MORE ON MEAD

It was delightful to read about the history of Mead Chapel ("Going to the Chapel") in the fall issue, a history I take great interest in as the great-granddaughter of Dr. John A. Mead, Class of 1864.

My grandmother, Mary Mead Hinsman, was the only child of Dr. Mead, and I have fond memories of her telling stories about her father's life, several of which I'd like to share here.

As a young boy, John Mead went fishing at Lake Bomoseen near Rutland and his hometown of Fair Haven. He caught a large fish, and while he was returning to Fair Haven, a man stopped to talk with him about his outstanding catch. The man offered to buy the fish for one dollar; John Mead accepted his offer, and, according to my grandmother, this sale was the first dollar he ever made. Later when he was a student at Middlebury, he made money to meet expenses by making sandwiches and then selling them to his classmates who were studying late into the night. He was an entrepreneur at an early age.

While he was in college, the Civil War broke out, and John became a soldier in a Vermont regiment. He and others were to board a troop train to take them south. The train was

filled beyond capacity, and there was no room for him inside. So he took his thick leather military belt, climbed aboard the top of the train, lashed himself to the roof with his belt, and this was the way he rode south.

He would return to Middlebury and graduate with his class and later attend medical school. After earning his MD, he opened a medical practice in Rutland, but soon became consumed with politics. He was elected the first mayor of Rutland and then the governor of Vermont. Then, rumor has it, that a Republican who was running for president approached him about running for vice president. My grandmother showed me some of the campaign buttons and other literature suggesting that people vote for him at the convention. However, it became obvious to both men that their disagreement over a particular issue was not going to be resolved, and John was no longer in the running. My grandmother had told me that this nationally known politician had been an overnight guest at their home, and while my grandmother never told me who the man was and what the disagreement was about, I believe she was talking about William Howard Taft.

My grandmother, for whom I was named, was determined that this family history should not be lost! My brothers were younger than I, so she chose me to listen. What a privilege it was!

—MARY MEAD HINSMAN RAYMOND '59,
Rio Rancho, New Mexico

A NOTE OF KUDOS

I think *Middlebury Magazine* is outstanding. I enjoy reading it cover to cover, as does my husband, who is not even a Middlebury alum!

—LEE WEBSTER MCARTHUR '51, *Hilton Head Island, South Carolina*

FROM MIDD TO MIIS

I am writing to pass on a Monterey postscript to the feature "And Then There Was Football" by W. C. Heinz '37, originally written in 1987 and reprinted in the fall issue.

It was especially enjoyable for those of us at the Monterey Institute to read about the gridiron exploits of 1936 Panther football captain Bill Craig '37, inasmuch as he would later go on to serve in academic leadership positions at Stanford University, the Vermont State Colleges, and the California Community Colleges before being named president of the Monterey Institute of International Studies in 1980. Bill Craig served as president of the Institute for the next eight years, and his presence is still felt on our campus today in the form of the Craig Building, currently home to the Center for the Blue Economy.

Just another example of the ever-expanding web of connections between Middlebury and Monterey!

—JASON WARBURG, *Monterey, California*

The writer is the executive director of communications at the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

WELCOME BACK

Regarding the vandalism of artwork ("Way Back," fall 2013): As a conservator of art, I have had to take spitballs off Rembrandts, graffiti off paintings, chewing gum off sculptures, and other sundry byproducts left behind by art vandals. Drawing on such experiences, I would like to point out that sometimes the messages of vandals are not always expressions of larger philosophical stances.

Having been a studio art major on campus during this time, I can honestly say that the whole campus did not celebrate this "act of true democracy," as another commentator stated; in fact, art majors held meetings to discuss the sad outcome.

I applaud Richard Saunders with bringing Acconci's work back to Middlebury's campus. I think resiting the work closer to the museum is an important step in addressing

community concerns about its impact on the surrounding natural beauty, while giving those of us who wish to engage with the piece the chance to do so.

I have no doubt that most people would be surprised at what art works were considered the "monstrosities" of the past and deserving of censure. I am proud of the work I do to preserve cultural heritage, and I am grateful that Middlebury has not shied away in this challenging dialogue.

—HEATHER GALLOWAY '87, *Commenting on middmag.com*

The writer is a fellow of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works.

KEEP PROVOKING

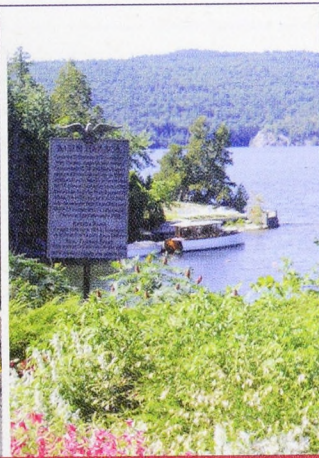
Glad to hear such provocative art returns to campus. The young people of today seem to be complacent in a similar way that the young people of the eighties during the Reagan era were. As a child of the sixties/seventies generation, I think it is important that students are asked to question authority in the world around them.

—JOHN STONER, *Commenting on middmag.com*



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POLITICAL STATEMENT, NOT ART

Not having seen the original, but being familiar with the era in which it was displayed, *Way Station I (Study Chamber)* appears to be more a political statement than a work of art. I can see why its showing caused an uproar.

—JOHN BAILEY, MA SPANISH '70, *Commenting on middmag.com*

STILL SHAKING MY HEAD

Ah, yes. The door to nowhere. It was really such an odd thing to see out in the beautiful open space. I don't believe I ever knew that the door opened and you could go inside. I wasn't intrigued enough to explore it; I just walked by and shook my head.

—ALICE VAIL JOHANNEN '85, *Commenting on middmag.com*

RESPECT

I'm not a fan of the work, but I appreciate Saunders's explanation of it, and I respect its restoration. I'm pleased that this time around the piece has been placed near the arts center, along with other public art. It may be thought provoking, but it's also pretty ugly.

The piece was brand-new when I was on campus, and it already had a dreary, neglected, out-of-place, isolated look. It was always

locked, too, so the intended interactivity was a fail. At the time, the nearby "new dorms" were also a widely disliked part of the Middlebury landscape, their Brutalist concrete architecture jarringly out of step with the other College buildings, old or new. When the College reskinned those buildings with traditional stone facades, I don't think anyone wept.

Sure, art can be controversial and challenge our aesthetics and taste. But when it's the architecture we live in, or sculpture we walk past every day in our public spaces, that challenge is usually unwelcome.

—TOM FUNK '87, *Commenting on middmag.com*

DIDN'T LIKE IT; LIKED THE VANDALISM LESS

I, too, remember when this piece went up—it was ugly and erected in a place that was all about openness and view and nature. Still, I remember feeling disgusted when it was vandalized. As Christo has so aptly taught us over the years, art that doesn't "fit in" often makes us think the most . . . about what art is, why it's there, what's the meaning. I remember this piece because it did that to me; it made me think and look harder at where I was. I'm glad it's back.

Richard Saunders deserves congratulations. However, he should be careful about

stereotyping the students of that time. His words that "there was very little tolerance then for things you didn't understand" strike me as naive and close minded.

—JENNY SCHMIDT '86, *Commenting on middmag.com*

ARIGATOU

Just received my *Middlebury Magazine* on the other side of the world in Hirosaki, Aomori, Japan. Feeling #thankful.

—@LANIYOUNG, *Commenting on Twitter*

WE'RE BLUSHING

The fall 2013 @MiddleburyMag is absolutely BEAUTIFUL.

—@TEDWALKEROO, *Commenting on Twitter*

MUCH TO TALK ABOUT

The fall issue of *Middlebury Magazine* contained a wealth of material that I plan to bring to my monthly poetry-reading group here in Kennebunk, Maine.

First, I'll present the cartoon page ("Short Story: First Frost") describing Hugh Marlow's encounter with Robert Frost; next, I'll show and tell about our Maine Poet Laureate Wesley McNair, MA, English '75, being the "Mender of Broken Things"; and then I'll share the cov-

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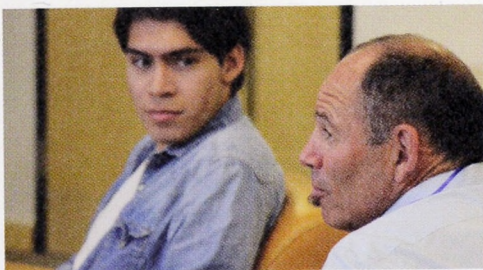
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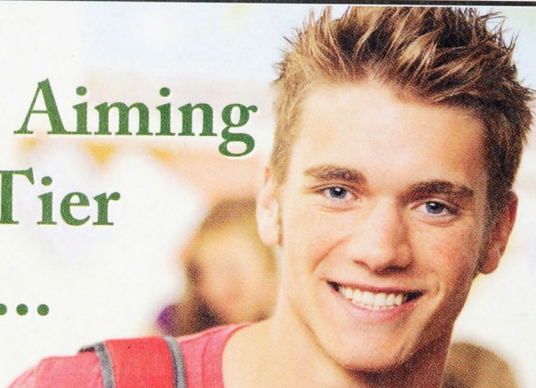
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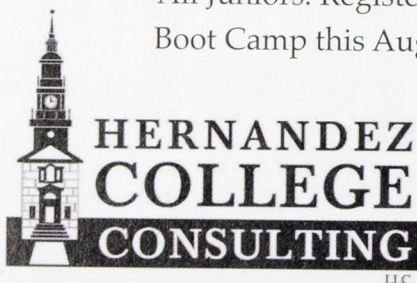
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er essay on place ("Where Are You?") by Maine writer Susan Conley '89. (Learning that Wesley McNair has a Middlebury connection was especially exciting for me, as each month our poetry group reads one of his selected poems from his weekly column, *Take Heart*, which appears in the Portland newspaper.)

Finally, I would like to commend you on including a "place" narrative from actor Julia Proctor '06.

Only this week, I was reminded of playing parts of Handel's "Largo" on a little missionary organ for 23 performances of *Our Town* when I lived in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Ms. Proctor is the personification of Emily Webb, and I celebrate the emerging of her career with this valuable notice that you have awarded her in the magazine.

—MARY ELIZABETH NORDSTROM '46,
Kennebunk, Maine

THANKS, MIDD MAG

Proud to be featured in *Middlebury Magazine* for my Sandy-related work. Thanks @MiddleburyMag!

—@MORGANAJONESI, Commenting on Twitter

KINDNESS IN CADILLAC

In the summer issue of the magazine, you ran a story of a student who took a cross-country trip, passing through Cadillac, Michigan ("Looking for America"). While stopping in this small town, he ran into a dilemma and discovered true kindness. He stayed at Hermann's European Cafe and Inn and was graciously helped by the owner, Hermann Suhs.

At the end of the summer, I, too, passed through Cadillac, Michigan, and wanted to look up this kind owner. After a delicious lunch, I introduced myself as a long-ago Middlebury grad who enjoyed reading about a fellow alum's adventure. Mr. Suhs remembered quite well the incident but had never had the opportunity to read about it in the *Middlebury Magazine*.

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—LAUREL DAVIS McGRANE, MA SPANISH '63, Livonia, Michigan

Editors' Note: After receiving this note, we were happy to send a copy to Mr. Suhs. We will make a point to check in with him if we ever find ourselves in Cadillac, as well.

WHERE'S THE CRITICISM?

I have two comments relating to President Liebowitz's Q&A in the summer issue ("Alumni Thoughts").

First, it is nice to hear about how well Middlebury alumni regard the institution, but I'm certain there were many specific criticisms that have not found their way into the general love fest reflected in the summary—a summary so saccharine that there's really very little to take away or to provide guidance for improvement.

President Liebowitz's remarks about public speaking are well-founded—the College has itself failed in this public undertaking to say anything useful. "We love ourselves." If I were

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in an audience listening to this institutional hagiography, I'd have gone to sleep.

Second, there was not one word about one of Middlebury's (and comparable colleges') chief problem: its obscene & limiting cost. To educate one undergraduate for one year (actually for only about eight months, the standard academic "work year") at Middlebury these days costs about as much as *four* impoverished American families must try to get by with for a full year. We've become a polarizing and deteriorating society, and almost everyone knows it. Middlebury has become part of the problem, and not part of the solution, though



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many of its idealistic young people wish that it were. Where are others' comments on this column?

—MICHAEL K. HEANEY '64, *Commenting on middmag.com*

BRAVO, FOOD GUYS

I'm so very impressed by the industry and tenacity of the students behind the nonprofit Middlebury Foods (first mentioned in "Food for Thought," summer 2013, with a follow-up story published on middmag.com) in their efforts to make a tangible difference in Addison County. Perhaps I was ignorant to other grassroots efforts underfoot by Middlebury students when I was there so long ago, but I don't remember any similar undertakings among undergraduates of my era. I wish I could have been involved in such meaningful work during my college years.

Thank you for your efforts, food guys! I can't think of a worthier effort than to provide food to the hungry.

—DIANE PETERSON SEABORN '90, *Commenting on middmag.com*

DOUBLE BRAVO

Middlebury Foods is such a wonderful project, and one that benefits everyone. The organizers are not only learning lessons as they plan and execute, their lives will be changed forever. The people who are able to purchase the "food boxes" will be nourished with wholesome foods. The farmers and other suppliers will benefit both economically and from strengthening the community. The community as a whole will benefit from the group spirit and improved health/nutrition of community members.

Congratulations to the food guys on their concept, research, ongoing effort to find ways to improve their offerings and their pursuit of a sustainable model to feed the community.

—MARY MCGEHEE, *Commenting on middmag.com*



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IN SYNCH ON THOREAU

Just getting through my summer issue and read the “Numbers” blurb in the letters section titled “Thoreau’s Mail Bag.” “It’s not a stretch,” you write, “to presume that Henry David Thoreau, the noted author, poet, and transcendentalist, would have frowned on social media.”

By coincidence, a couple of years back I wrote an op-ed essay for the *Wall Street Journal* (“Chatting with Thoreau about Twitter”) on this very topic—one that draws on quotes from *Walden* and other writings and imagines in an, er, tongue-in-cheek way how Thoreau might have engaged with today’s social media and handheld devices.

—PETER MANDEL '79, *Providence, Rhode Island*

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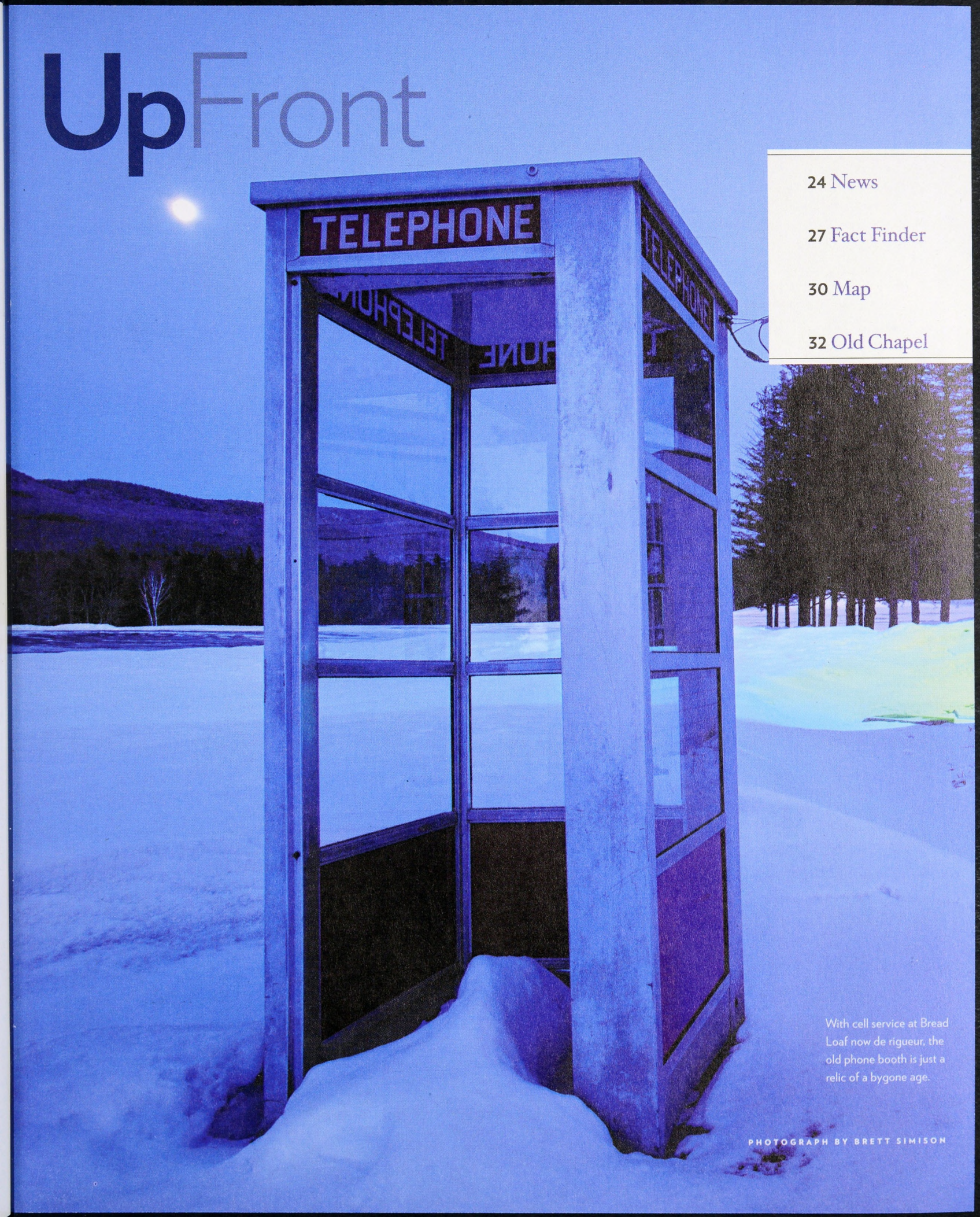
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Liebowitz Presidency to End in 2015; Board to Restructure

On an eventful day in December, President Ronald D. Liebowitz announced that he would be leaving at the end of his term on June 30, 2015, and that the Board of Trustees was revising its governance structure.



MIDDLEBURY PRESIDENT RONALD D. LIEBOWITZ'S TERM AS PRESIDENT will end June 30, 2015, when his current contract concludes.

Middlebury's 16th president, who has served in the office since 2004, shared his news with the College community in an e-mail at the conclusion of the December Board of Trustees meeting in New York City.

"It has been an honor of the highest order to serve as the 16th president of this remarkable institution," Liebowitz wrote. "With its dedicated and committed staff, superb faculty, and outstanding students, Middlebury has never been stronger or better positioned for the future."

Liebowitz noted that the institution "will continue to pursue the ambitious agenda we have set for ourselves" through the presidential transition and beyond. He stated that announcing his own transition plan now would provide

the Board of Trustees with "the time necessary to select a search committee, to conduct a thoughtful search to identify the finest candidates, and, ultimately, to select Middlebury's next leader."

In addition to announcing his decision, Liebowitz informed the community of another important initiative that will affect the way the College is governed—a bold revision of Middlebury's trustee structure that will go into effect July 1, 2014. While the size of the 35-member board will remain the same, how it is organized and how it approaches its responsibilities will change. In its coverage of the announcement, online publication *Inside Higher Ed* noted that while "some things unique to Middlebury prompted the change . . . other changes could fix an American higher ed board structure that many administrators believe is broken and unable to guide institutions ably in the 21st century."

Among the notable changes is a reduction of 15 standing committees to six, with each carrying a range of substantive responsibilities. (The six consist of the Prudential Committee, which acts as an executive committee of the board; Trusteeship and Governance; Strategy; Resources; Risk Management; and New Programs.) In addition, the new governance structure establishes three boards of overseers—one for the undergraduate college, one for the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and one for the "Schools," which includes the Language Schools, Bread Loaf School of English, C.V. Starr-Middlebury Schools Abroad, School of the Environment, and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. These boards will be charged with focusing on the academic and student affairs operations of their respective institutions; membership will include current trustees, "partner" overseers (individuals who typically have some connection to Middlebury), and "constituent" overseers (one faculty, one staff member, and one student).

The governance changes come a year after Liebowitz and board chair Marna Whittington

had initiated a review of the board's structure and appointed a Governance Working Group to make recommendations on how the board should best be organized. These recommendations were subsequently turned into a set of proposed bylaw revisions that were unanimously approved by the full Board of Trustees in December.

For more on the changes in governance and what it means for Middlebury, please see Ron Liebowitz's Q&A on p.32.

WHILE THERE WILL BE MORE OPPORTUNITIES—in this magazine and elsewhere—during the next 18 months to discuss the impact Ron Liebowitz has had on Middlebury, it's worth noting several significant achievements at this time.

During his presidency, Middlebury acquired the Monterey Institute of International Studies; opened 23 new Schools Abroad sites; added 120 endowed student scholarships for financial aid and 15 endowed faculty positions; established the School of Hebrew—Middlebury's 10th intensive summer language school—and the summer School of the Environment; sent two successful teams to the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon competition; inaugurated the Franklin Environmental Center for the study of the environment and sustainability; created the Center for Social Entrepreneurship; and initiated an array of programs to help students acquire leadership and communication skills and to cultivate creativity and innovation.

For context, many of these accomplishments took place against the backdrop of a deep economic crisis that began in 2007. Liebowitz guided Middlebury through that recession while maintaining a balanced budget, sustaining the institution's commitment to need-blind admissions, and without resorting to layoffs.

He will be missed. But not for another year and a half. As he will be the first to tell you, there is still a lot of work left to be done.



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QUOTATION

“Snowflakes are drifting through the air, giving Middlebury a calm, ethereal look—and we’re all indoors stressing.”

Excerpted from an exam-week post on the student blog **Middbeat**. The author proceeded to offer a jazz playlist, part of a monthly series titled “BEATS,” to help lessen the stress of the season.

ARCHIVE

CHINA IN THE 1860S

Soon after John L. Buttolph III, Class of 1964, donated to the College a cache of items his great-great-grandparents brought back from China in the 1860s, one of Middlebury’s most revered faculty members went to Special Collections in the Davis Family Library to examine the objects. John Berninghausen, the Truscott Professor Emeritus of Chinese Studies, studied the stone statues, seals, inkwells, and small artworks that the Methodist-Episcopal missionaries brought back to the United States. He examined their books of Christian hymns and poems of praise translated into Chinese and imagined how Mary and Carl Martin—John Buttolph’s ancestors—might have fared in Fuzhou, China, amid the Taiping Rebellion. When his attention turned to a decorative wooden box, Berninghausen gently lifted the hinged cover. Inside he found a small piece of paper affixed to the top containing six Chinese characters. What did the slip of paper say? The first column read “Wang Qianshun,” which Berninghausen reasoned to be the name of the shop or shop owner from whom the box was purchased. And the second row of characters? Berninghausen read it as “bu er jia,” or literally “no second price.” In other words: no haggling!

While none of the items is deemed to be rare or particularly valuable, the Buttolph Collection is “significant from the perspectives of culture, religion, and life experience.

We see these objects as a curricular resource,” explained Danielle Rougeau, the assistant curator of Special Collections and Archives. “They inform us about how missionaries lived in China, what they did, what they saw, and what was important to them.”

It was a difficult life, to be sure. The donor’s great-great-grandmother lost her husband and her infant son during their five years in China. Her older son, Edward, survived and passed the objects down to his daughter, Mabel Martin, who graduated from Middlebury in 1911. She married a classmate, John L. Buttolph, who left them to the donor’s father, John L. Jr. ’40. Now the cache, which also includes photographs and journals from the 1860s, has found a permanent home at the College.



SPORTS



Game On

ON A RECENT SUNDAY MORNING, Middlebury squash player Robert Galluccio '15 is on Wilson Court, one of the nine squash courts that are arranged in a U-shape, perfectly framing the College’s gleaming new Squash Center.

Sweat drips from Galluccio’s face, squash ball in his left hand, racket held loosely in his right. He grips the racket more tightly. Drops the ball. Serves.

His opponent reacts, takes two steps toward the small black orb heading his way. Swings with gusto. And gets nothing but air.

“Dang it!” Seven-year-old Rory Morgan drops his head. Galluccio smiles. “Tricky one, keep your head up.”

Since the opening of Middlebury’s stunningly beautiful, 18,000-square-foot-squash facility, with its nine courts (replacing the five that were once crowded into the Bubble), expansive spectator viewing area, and tile lobby (complete with comfy chairs and a panoramic view of Kohn Field), the southeastern end of the athletic complex has been a hot destination this winter. Matches, once watched by parents and a few friends, have become a true spectator sport. An inexact survey shows that more students are playing recreationally. And then there is the opportunity to host free weekly clinics for local youngsters—Galluccio’s idea, one that wouldn’t have been possible a year ago.

Against stiffer competition, Galluccio has been undefeated in NESCAC play. Morgan bounced back, too, defeating an age-appropriate opponent 11-3.



Why I Love Beethoven

By Andrew Massey, Conductor, Middlebury College Orchestra

Praise Beethoven? I must admit, I am afraid to do so. Beethoven gets altogether too much positive press. To praise his music is to walk a narrow ledge between cliché and redundancy. Nonetheless, even as wonderful, lesser-known music languishes, his particular virtues do enrich us.

He doesn't offer the battering rhythms of Stravinsky, the seductive miasma of Delius, or the inscrutable longueur of Messiaen. Rather, without declaring any particular target appetite, he balances contradictory human needs perfectly.

Should music be written for an audience to hear or for musicians to play? To yield exquisite moments of sensual delight or to sustain a psychologically convincing trajectory over time? These are distinct, and often incompatible, purposes. Much lush music is dull to play. Musicians can become engrossed in an interplay that, to the observing ear, sounds like nothing much. An infinite series of charming moments palls no less than unrelenting chocolate mousse, while flawless arguments often leave the soul unmoved.

Beethoven, almost perfectly in his third symphony, enlists the specific pleasures of instrumental athletics to intrigue the ear and the cumulative power of elaboration to render his conclusions devastating.

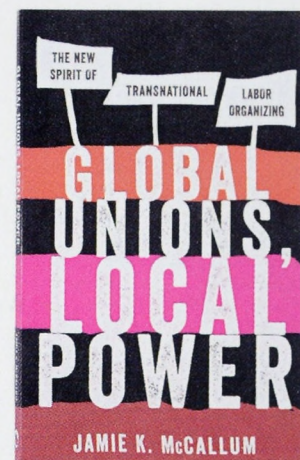
It's not a matter of style—whether you “like” his music or not. Beethoven found the measure of the human mind. But “mind” is too small a word. He stretches, fully engages, our thoughts, emotions, our muscular structure. With Beethoven, we become awake, noticing, feeling, dancing, recognizing detail, and at last seeing the wide landscape hidden from us before.

Global Unions, Local Power from Cornell University Press

News about labor unions is usually pessimistic, focusing on declining membership and failed campaigns. But there are encouraging signs that the labor movement is evolving its strategies to benefit workers in rapidly changing global economic conditions. *Global Unions, Local Power* by Jamie K. McCallum, an assistant professor of sociology, tells the story of the most successful and aggressive campaign ever waged by workers across national borders.

Based on more than two years of fieldwork in nine countries and historical research into labor movement trends since the late 1960s, McCallum's findings reveal several paradoxes. Although global unionism is typically concerned with creating parity and universal standards across borders, local context can both undermine and empower the intentions of global actors, creating varied and uneven results. At the same time, despite being generally regarded as weaker than their European counterparts, U.S. unions are in the process of remaking the global labor movement in their own image.

McCallum suggests that changes in political economy have encouraged unions to develop new ways to organize workers. He calls these “governance struggles,” strategies that seek not to win worker rights but to make new rules of engagement with capital in order to establish a different terrain on which to organize.



PICTURE



Capital Digs Middlebury has opened new offices in Washington, D.C. The K Street suite provides proximity to government offices, think tanks, and other research organizations for students, faculty, and staff of the College and the Monterey Institute of International Studies. In addition to work areas and a videoconferencing facility, the 6,500-square-foot suite features event space that is available for alumni gatherings and lectures.

At the Movies

Fruitvale Station, Amour, How to Survive a Plague, and Rust and Bone are just a few of the critically acclaimed independent and foreign films being brought to Middlebury in 2013–14 as part of the Hirschfield International Film Series. Conceived by Ted Perry, now Fletcher Professor of the Arts Emeritus, and later endowed by film exec Alan Hirschfield, the film series brings a little bit of Cannes, Sundance, Hollywood, and the world to campus each Saturday afternoon and evening during the academic year.

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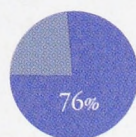
Average cost, in dollars, to acquire screening rights, per film.

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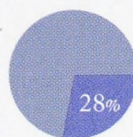
Price, in dollars, of *No*, the most expensive film this year. This feature film from Chile dramatizes the referendum election of Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet in 1988.

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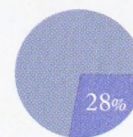
Price, in dollars, of the least expensive film, *A Touch of Sin*. The winner of best screenplay at Cannes, this Chinese film has only appeared in film festivals, to date.



Percentage of films from countries other than the U.S.



Percentage of the films that are documentaries.



Percentage of feature films based on real events.

The Program

The endowed fund also supports a speaker's series. This year, director Eugene Jarecki came to campus to speak about his documentary *The House I Live In*.

Behind the Name

Film executive Alan Hirschfield endowed the series in 1985. The former CEO of Twentieth Century Fox and Columbia Pictures had two children at Middlebury (Marc '88 and Scott '90) and was serving as a trustee of the American Film Institute with Ted Perry when he told Perry he'd like to support the College in some way.

A Few Firsts

This Is Not a Film, a documentary following a day in the life of Iranian director Jafar Panahi, is the first film to be smuggled into a film festival. Meanwhile, *Wadjda* is the first feature film shot entirely in Saudi Arabia—by the country's first female director, Haifaa al-Mansour.

Piano Players

THE YOUNG WOMAN SEATED AT THE COLLEGE'S NEW CONCERT GRAND PIANO—a Steinway model D, a gift of the Ray, Meredith, and Nathaniel '12.5 Rothrock family—had a ponytail and wore a blue fleece, jeans, and winter boots. Beside the piano's bench, her backpack sat in a heap.

For the past eight minutes or so, she's been playing selections from the Broadway musical, *The Lion King*. The pianist brought her own sheet music and played with just her right hand. (Reviewing her performance, she said that she "hadn't played in a couple of years, so that was a little rough.") And at precisely 12:20, she stopped playing, gathered her things, and left the concert hall.

As she was walking out, another young woman—Jeannie from Leyden, Massachusetts—was coming in, similarly attired, backpack slung over her shoulder.

"Hey, Caroline . . ."

"Hey, Jeannie, enjoy it," Caroline said. "It's amazing."

What was occurring in the concert hall of the Mahaney Center for the Arts on this otherwise ordinary Monday afternoon was unprecedented. At 10-minute intervals, Middlebury folks of all levels of piano experience were coming in to play a newly minted Steinway concert grand, a musical privilege normally afforded concert pianists, composers, and otherwise serious students of music.

When the Rothrock family approached the College about purchasing a new Steinway for the concert hall, they wanted to ensure that the piano be for the College community and not just highly accomplished players. So on the second week of January—every day, from 12:00 to 1:00—students, faculty, and staff responded.

Jeannie, who followed Caroline, expressed anxiety about performing in public; she won't even play the piano in the Château for fear of passersby stopping and listening. But, she said, she couldn't pass up this opportunity. For her 10 minutes, she played a beautiful rendition of Paul Halley's "Piano Song"—a gorgeous, rich sound filling the hall.

Minutes after she finished, a young man bounded onto the stage—"Hi, I'm Harrison!"—sat down at the keys and launched into a rousing version of "Georgia on My Mind."

Musical Chairs A new Steinway model D concert grand piano—a gift of the Ray, Meredith, and Nathaniel '12.5 Rothrock family in honor of President Ron Liebowitz and his wife Jessica—arrived on campus this fall (see story at left). With its November 26 installation in the concert hall of the Mahaney Center for the Arts, three generations of other concert grands found new homes. It was up to Green Mountain Piano Movers to do the heavy lifting.



For more on the arrival of the new Steinway, check out the video at go.middlebury.edu/steinway.



In Memoriam James Isbell Armstrong, the 12th president of Middlebury College, passed away on December 16. He was 94 years old. In this photograph, taken shortly after Armstrong assumed office, the new Middlebury president gathers with his family: daughter Carol, who died in 2008; daughter Elizabeth, now an associate professor of East Asian studies at Bucknell University; son James, currently the director of choirs at the College of William & Mary; and wife Carol, who now resides in Hanover, New Hampshire. James Armstrong served Middlebury with distinction from 1963 until 1975, guiding the College through turbulent years, while building an institution that would become one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country. A full obituary appears on page 93.

ADMISSIONS

Class (Almost) Half Full

THOUGH WE'RE ONLY A FEW WEEKS PAST THE JANUARY DEADLINE for "regular" admission to Middlebury College, nearly half of the Class of 2018 has been filled—44 percent or 287 students out of an expected class of 650 to be exact.

That is the number of students who were offered early admission from a pool of nearly 700 applications. Ninety-six applicants were deferred and will be considered for regular admission in the spring; 303 applicants were denied admission.

Middlebury Dean of Admissions Greg Buckles noted that there was a stronger international applicant pool this year—"generally, international students tend to apply for regular admissions," he said—with the College accepting 21 international applicants early decision, a 50-percent increase from the previous year.

(International students represent about 10 percent of Middlebury's student body.)

Buckles noted that accepted students hail from 35 states and 19 countries. The College will award up to \$3.2 million in need-based financial aid for students accepted early.

Middlebury's early decision figures track closely with those of peer institutions. This fall, Williams College reported that it had offered early acceptance to 237 students for an expected class of 550—which amounts to 43 percent of the Class of 2018. Dartmouth College reported that it had accepted about 40 percent of its overall class early.

All acceptances offered under Middlebury's early decision program are considered binding, which means that students who apply are signaling the College is their first—and only—choice.

NUMBERS

Like most academic halls on campus, the Franklin Environmental Center at Hillcrest is a hub of activity during exam week. Unlike other buildings, though, Hillcrest is certified as LEED Platinum, the highest designation awarded from the U.S. Green Building Council for leadership in energy and environmental design. One can track energy and resource usage in real time, and we took a peek during the busiest—and a very cold—time of year.

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GALLONS OF WATER CONSUMED

75

COST, IN DOLLARS, FOR TOTAL WATER CONSUMPTION

80

KILOWATT-HOURS OF SOLAR PRODUCTION VIA SOLAR PANELS

1,466

KILOWATT-HOURS OF GRID CONSUMPTION

20

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IN MIDDLEBURY, IN DEGREES FAHRENHEIT



Department Survey

How does a building's appearance speak to its primary occupants? When considering the homes of the academic departments and programs at Middlebury, well, it all depends. Some domiciles—think le Château or Bicentennial Hall—have obvious tenants. Others have less-than-obvious ties. What follows: a sample survey of department homes.

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INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT LIEBOWITZ

Board, Restructured

At its December 2013 meeting, the Middlebury Board of Trustees unanimously approved revisions to its governance structure, which will go into effect July 1, 2014 (see story on p. 24). We spoke to President Liebowitz about what it all means.

What led the Board of Trustees to decide to revise its governance structure?

There were many factors, but I think they fell into two categories: internal and external. Externally, the world has changed dramatically since Middlebury, and its board in particular, has had a chance to step back and review the way in which it governs itself. The business of higher education has become infinitely more complex. Colleges and universities today face an array of challenges, from important questions of cost and competitiveness to applications of technology and issues relating to the management of large endowments, just to name a few. These require strong governance structures.

Looking at Middlebury internally, we haven't made many substantive changes to how we are organized and how we run things in the past 50 years. But in that time this traditional, small, residential liberal arts college has been transformed into something quite different. In the 1960s, we had 1,200 students; now we have 2,500. We had about 80 or 90 faculty; now we have almost 300. Geographically, we were overwhelmingly a local, Vermont institution. The Bread Loaf campus was the farthest extension of the College, save for a small number of programs for our Language School graduate students in France, Spain, and Italy. Now we have operations in almost 40 sites around the world. One of those is a graduate school in Monterey, California, with almost 700 students.

These internal changes required us to step back and ask some critical questions: Is our board organized in the best way possible to know what it needs to know about this dynamic institution? And is it properly positioned to guide Middlebury through what many have said are likely to be turbulent times going forward? Our trustees carry the ultimate responsibility for the long-term well-being of the institution. Understanding this, it made sense to ask the fundamental question of whether our current board governance structure was helping the trustees be good fiduciaries of the institution.

We're fortunate that we are undertaking these adjustments from a position of strength. The College has never been stronger, and it has a great future. But we can't sit back and not engage in the broader issues affecting higher education. We thought now would be a good time to make this governance change.

Tell us about the process, how long it took ...

The process began shortly after the College's 2011 ten-year reaccreditation review. That was an important driver because the review highlighted just how complex Middlebury had become. And it noted that our governance structures in some cases hadn't kept pace. In the summer of 2012, I wrote a lengthy letter to the faculty, about the dual challenges of cost and relevance in higher education. I think that also played a role in the decision to move forward. Trustees began asking the question that so many outside the academy are asking: Why is higher education so expensive, and are students and families and supporters of our institutions getting all that they should for that type of investment? Are there ways to control those costs? The other key issue from that letter had to do with relevance. Is a BA degree the same today as it was 200 years ago, 100 years ago, 50 years ago? Or do we need to start thinking differently about higher education, especially within the context of the changing, more competitive global environment? Are our graduates getting an appropriate mix of theoretical and hands-on applications given the realities of their post-college lives?

The combination of the reaccreditation review and the letter to faculty led to a series of discussions, influenced by the impact of the 2007–10 recession. The vulnerability of even the most wealthy private educational institutions cannot be dismissed and certainly affected how we assess risk and how we think about governance. It was largely these issues that led Marna Whittington, our board chair, and me to engage the trustees on a process that would allow them to better understand—and engage more meaningfully—the emerging trends in higher education and the demands placed on Middlebury.

In these conversations, we thought about governance in many ways. We thought about faculty governance. We thought about trustee governance. We thought about broader institutional governance. We decided that it made sense to start with the Board of Trustees due to the role it plays as the fiduciary body of the institution. We engaged an educational consultant, well known in higher education and familiar with Middlebury, and together we created a process that would identify what we wanted to achieve and how we would go about achieving it.

This led to the appointment in the fall of 2012 of a governance working group, which included veteran trustees, two faculty members, and two staff members. Marna and I laid out a charge for the group, which was to think broadly and long-term—and not to be afraid of bold change.

Two notable changes in the governance structure were paring the 15 standing committees down to six, while making them broader in scope, and creating three boards of overseers—one for the undergraduate college, one for the Monterey Institute, and one for the "Schools." What will this mean for the individual trustees?

For many years, trustees have sat on anywhere from three to six committees, which forced us to divide up the available time into short blocks—about an hour and 15 minutes for each committee. That made it very hard to go deeply into a subject. That was a major deficiency of the old system.

The working group examined the current committees and their respective charges and reconfigured them into a smaller number of committees based on the overlap of their respective purviews. This will allow trustees to take deeper dives, to think about issues as they relate to one another rather than in isolation from one another, and to do so over a longer period of time, a three-hour block of time. The boards of overseers will work largely as program committees that relate to each of the major areas of the institution: the undergraduate college, the (graduate) Monterey Institute, and then all of the "Schools"—the Language Schools, Bread Loaf School of English, the Schools Abroad, the School of the Environment, and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. And, I suspect, future endeavors we may pursue.

Each trustee will sit on one standing committee, which will meet for three hours in the morning, and one board of overseers, which will meet in the afternoon, also for three hours. What will it mean for these trustees? We expect the experience will be one of greater focus. Their committee work will probe more deeply into the issues and questions facing the institution. We know from our trustee surveys that this is what they want. They want to be more of a "doing board" rather than a "listening board." They believe that by developing more expertise and a deeper understanding of the issues, they will be better fiduciaries for the institution.

What is the charge given to the overseers?

They will focus on curriculum and academic programs, the quality of the student experience, fundraising, and those unique characteristics and qualities that distinguish each of our programs. The College board of overseers will do this for the undergraduate College, which is the core of our identity as an institution. The Institute board will focus exclusively on those same issues as they pertain to Monterey. And so on.

The overseer boards will vary in size, but trustees will comprise a majority of each. The College board will have 18 sitting trustees, the Monterey Institute board will have 9, and the Schools board will have 8. And then every one, two, or three years, trustees will rotate from one board to another so that over a five-year term or even a 15-year or lifetime term, each trustee will become much better acquainted with each of our programs. In addition, each board will have "partner" overseers and "constituent" overseers. Partner overseers will be individuals who have particular expertise or who are invested in the institution in some meaningful way. Constituent overseers will be students, faculty, and staff who will bring their own unique perspective to the membership. Each board will have one student, one faculty, and one staff member as constituent members. The inclusion of non-trustees brings diversity of experience and expertise to these boards, which I think is crucial.

Overseers will make recommendations that will then flow into the appropriate committee on the standing side. If one has a proposal for staffing or for a new program, that would go from the overseer committee to a standing committee or to the full board. All board-level decisions will ultimately be made by the full board, after recommendations come from the board of overseers or from a standing committee.

The creation of the boards of overseers is really quite significant for the institution. Historically, trustees—most of whom attended Middlebury as undergraduates—have tended to focus their attention overwhelmingly on the undergraduate experience. The complexity of Middlebury today demands we broaden that focus. Fortunately, our trustees are eager to learn more about the Monterey Institute, the Language Schools, Bread Loaf, etc. They are eager to engage issues pertaining to these areas of Middlebury. That's another great benefit of the new structure. **M**



John Montgomery '14 in hot pursuit of a deer in Hinesburg.

AT 5:15 AM ON OPENING WEEKEND OF VERMONT'S RIFLE DEER-HUNTING SEASON, the Mobil Short Stop at the corner of Commerce Street and State Route 116 in Hinesburg is the province of pickup trucks and bearded, camo-clad guys buying coffee from Joanne, the affable cashier who wishes the hunters good luck.

The Call of the Wild

What does it mean to be a Middlebury student—and a dedicated hunter?

Then there's John Montgomery '14, who has a monogrammed bag in the back of his Suburban with Texas plates. A varsity lacrosse player and an international politics and economics major,

he already has a job lined up in energy-investment banking in Houston.

But right now, Montgomery is after something even more elusive than gainful employment after graduation: a 12-point buck that's been seen wandering through a marshy meadow not far from this Mobil station.

Yes, Montgomery is a serious hunter. And he's not alone at Middlebury. In little pockets around campus, students and faculty members are waking up in the dark to pull on orange caps, load up rifles, and pursue wild animals.

Some, like Montgomery, have been doing this their entire lives; others have picked up hunting as first-years because it's the most sustainable way to consume meat at Middlebury. They are part of a massive rebound in hunting culture across the United States—according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, wildlife-related outdoor recreation jumped “dramatically” from 2006 to 2011, with nearly 14 million people now hunting.

And in Vermont, the state's laws are some of the most hunter friendly in the nation, explains Pat Berry '91, the Commissioner of Vermont Fish and Wildlife. “Vermont is founded on the theme of the commons, which is that, yes, land is owned by individuals, but there's a sense of community and shared ethics around communal land use,” says Berry. He points to Lake Champlain, the Green Mountain National Forest, and the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area as rich hunting resources in close proximity to the College. Today, hunters spend nearly \$300 million in the state, which ranges first among the lower 48 states in wildlife-related recreation rates. Just witness Governor Peter Shumlin grinning over the six-point, 186-pound buck he bagged in East Montpelier in November.

Greg Buckles, the Middlebury dean of admissions and longtime hunting and fishing guide, says that when he arrived in the community from Ohio in 2008, he was pleasantly surprised to find how much of an ethical and responsible hunting culture existed at Middlebury. “It's a low-key, natural way of life,” says Buckles. “Many more people than I ever could have expected hunted. I'd not seen that before in my 30 years in education, where a progressive, academic community coexisted peacefully with a hunting lifestyle.”

Self-reliant, committed—and culinary wizards with game—College hunters just may be part of the most ecologically minded and coolest (if most socially complicated) unofficial club at Middlebury. It's one that has fostered friendships with the greater Vermont community and one that teaches lifelong skills about hard work—respect, mortality, time management, and discovering joy and gratitude. “Everybody goes and hikes Snake Mountain,” says Montgomery of his non-hunting fellow students. But it's another level of commitment to get up “at 3 AM to go

duck hunting when it's 20 degrees out—and then go to class.”

But there's that social complication, one that can push back against the hunting lifestyle that Buckles describes that has existed at the College for generations.

“I think that there are some really misguided perceptions among people who are not from a rural setting and simply don't understand hunting and have prejudged it,” says Berry. (While all of the students interviewed for this story were comfortable speaking about their hunting experiences, not all faculty and staff were. One longtime hunter asked not to be identified and spoke of hunting companions who wish “to stay fairly closeted, if you will, for fear of push back from colleagues.”)

This troubles Berry. “Hunters play a critical role in wildlife conservation management; there's a tremendous ecological value,” he explains. “I think people misunderstand the hunting culture, which is easy to do if you ever turn on any of the hunting shows. Hunting is one of the safest activities; there are fewer incidents of accidents with hunting as a sport than most outdoor activities.”

Hunter-safety education is a prerequisite for a Vermont hunting license, and hunters such as Montgomery and Alex Cort '14, who grew up practicing target sports while at summer camp in North Carolina, have years of experience under their belt. Those students new to hunting describe an intensive learning experience—state-sanctioned classroom and field-study courses must be completed before being issued a hunting license. Hunting rifles, shotguns, knives, bows, and archery supplies must be registered with the College's Department of Public Safety and either stored there or at an off-campus facility.

“Some people might look at you like you're doing something bad, but there's not too many of those,” says Montgomery. “The majority think it's neat or cool; they just don't understand it.”

Cort recalls a time when he returned to his suite with four dead geese in plastic garbage bags, and the reaction from his roommates was “wow, that's a lot of dead birds.” Most of his friends are on board with his hunting, he says, though he also takes pride in how his extracurricular activity can set him apart and allows him to interact with non-Middlebury students.

THIRTY YEARS AGO, a morning of hunting at Middlebury might begin with breakfast at Proctor, where scrambled eggs would be accompanied by the clink-clink-clink of unbuckled handguns and shotguns landing on an adjacent table. A few eyebrows might have been raised, but then folks would turn back to their coffee. *That* doesn't happen anymore.

These days, Proctor is a symphony of typical college cafeteria sounds: shuffling boots, silverware clattering on plates, students complaining about workloads. Now, there is Asian carp and kale soup on the menu, Panini machines, and cornmeal from the Nitty Gritty Grain Company just up the road in Charlotte. Middlebury currently spends 32 percent of its food budget locally at 50 vendors.

Despite all this, Lauren Honican '15 and Myles Kamisher-Koch '15 became hunters as Middlebury students in order to source their own meat. “We both work in the dining halls,” says Kamisher-Koch, an American studies major from Newton, Massachusetts, as he nibbles on bread and cookies and sips a milky glass of iced tea in Proctor's lounge. “You get a different perspective on a chicken breast after you process 200 pounds of them and see how they came packaged. When you shoot a migratory goose, it's local and sustainable and free-range—whatever label you want to apply to it. Hopefully humane. I think that [the goose] was pretty happy right up to the end, and that feels good.”

At Brooker House, where they live, Honican and Kamisher-Koch have

commandeered much of the freezer space for the game they've shot since sophomore year. “Didn't we both get our first ducks in the same flock at the same time?” Honican asks Kamisher-Koch. “We both shot, and to our surprise, two ducks just dropped out of the sky.”

“Mergansers,” says Kamisher-Koch.

The couple made merganser jerky, not nearly as good as the smoked goose sausage or the goose-meat marinara sauce they whipped up recently.

They are joined in spirit by a member of the Middlebury staff who has put the Thanksgiving turkey on the table for the past five years with a gun instead of a run to Hannaford's grocery store. “We'd already been a localvore, foodie-type family—the hunting became an extension of that,” the staff member says. “For me, it's also participating in a Vermont culture that is well grounded, rooted, and has wonderful values. No one cares what your income is or what your education is; you're just enjoying that common experience of the outdoors.”

That's part of the appeal for Honican and Kamisher-Koch, too, who have become friends with landowners and fellow hunters. Kamisher-Koch, who “wants to do something with cooking, in or out of the kitchen” when he graduates, has learned game-preparation tips from friends in Dining Services. From the get-go, he says of hunting, “I recognized it was a way to get off campus and meet people in the community, outside the Middlebury bubble.”

Hunting and education can dovetail in surprising ways. Plucking feathers is the “biggest pain in the ass, beyond belief,” says Kamisher-Koch, but gutting an animal, be it a smelly, fish-eating merganser or a six-point buck, means an instant anatomy lesson. Her sights set on medical school, the Seattle-raised Honican is a neuroscience major. And that, too, syncs up with the lesser-known side of hunting, a cerebral challenge that involves strategy, commitment, planning, and dedication.

IF THINGS GO THE RIGHT WAY FOR MONTGOMERY during his deer hunt in Hinesburg, he'll be bringing a buck back to Vermont Field Sports on Route 7 in Middlebury, where a bright orange sign on the door reads Big Game Reporting Station. Lined with Browning shotguns and rifles, bows, Johnson Woolens, and boxes upon boxes of ammo, it's the starting and ending point for many a Middlebury hunting expedition.

Jon Detwiler '86 remembers when Vermont Field Sports was in the little red schoolhouse across the road, where there was a pot-bellied stove and a fraction of the space. Still, he could find everything he needed for hunting duck, or rabbit, or squirrels, even raccoon.

Hunting was much more the norm a few decades ago, says Detwiler, now a general contractor in Norwell, Massachusetts. “One of the primary reasons I went to Middlebury was because of the access to the hunting environment—vast tracks of land where you could just walk from campus or go for a short drive and immediately be able to immerse yourself,” he says.

When it comes to supporting hunters, Middlebury pales in comparison to institutions such as the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Oregon State, where there are organized hunting expeditions for deer and turkey, and to Michigan State, where the Boone and Crockett Club has been around since 1887. Dartmouth, meanwhile, has a student club called Bait and Bullet and produces a brochure with guidelines for hunting on the college's grant land, a 27,000-acre wilderness. Williams College welcomes hunters to its teaching and research forest.

Still, says Dean of Admissions Buckles, if you want to be a hunter at Middlebury, you can. “We have a much stronger hunting and great-outdoors heritage and history than other comparable liberal arts colleges in the East,” he says.

Lauren Honican '15 and
Myles Kamisher-Koch '15.





Honican and Kamisher-Koch,
revealing how the goose
sausage is made.

IT'S SOMEWHERE AROUND 6 AM IN HINESBURG, a bright shooting star now a distant memory, the sky slowly lightening into a series of grey-on-grey smudges, and the only sounds the whoosh of distant cars. Having spread doe urine around the site, Montgomery sits in the mud at the edge of a field that he spent an hour scoping out yesterday. That's part of his typical deer-hunting routine, which also may involve a tabletop nap at the nearby UVM library in between early morning and late-afternoon outings.

Montgomery's been handling guns since age four, going after everything from pheasant, duck, and grouse here in Vermont to boar in Montana. An antelope hunting trip to Wyoming earlier this season yielded 43 pounds of meat that Montgomery still cooks up for pals on Tuesday taco nights. "It takes about 30 minutes to gut a deer," he says, shrugging off the process of cutting the animal open from sternum to crotch, pulling the stomach, liver, and intestines out, and cutting around the diaphragm to remove the heart and lungs and sever the windpipe.

While studying abroad in Madrid, he worked part-time for a hunting outfit he hooked up with during a safari trade convention in Dallas. The .30-06 rifle that Montgomery cradles between his legs? He used that to kill a bear on Vancouver Island. "Hunting is complete delayed gratification," says Montgomery, who loves the adrenaline rush but admits that he's never gotten a deer in Vermont. "But the rush and excitement make every single hair stand up on your head."

There is also, of course, the rush back to campus at times; Alex Cort recalls ripping off his duck-hunting boots right as class was starting, and Kamisher-Koch has sat through lectures with burrs stuck all over his camo. "Freshman year, I went pheasant hunting before a lacrosse game," says Montgomery in a whisper as he watches for the rumored buck in Hinesburg. "It was so hard to stand up straight on the field." Today, though, the only competition that matters to Montgomery is from fellow hunters. Suddenly, a shot crackles from the woods. "Dammit!" he says, looking behind his shoulder. "That's one less deer."

A FEW DAYS AFTER MONTGOMERY WALKS OUT OF THE HINESBURG MEADOW with no deer, Katie McFarren '14 is determined to have better luck near Snake Mountain. She's been here before with Terry Aldrich, her cross-country coach, but this will be her first solo venture into the woods with a .243, which has plastic wrap around the muzzle to help keep it clean. She carries a knife, bullets, and extra layers in her pack, plus a small blanket. Hunting can be cold and uncomfortable in myriad ways.

"I feel kind of silly," admits McFarren. "I have a general idea of where the deer are and how they move, but I just haven't had any real experience picking out my own spots that much."

Though feeling under the weather earlier this Friday morning, McFarren, a biochem major who's committed to volunteer with an ambulance crew in Costa Rica next year, has rallied by 2:30 PM. She's planning to return tomorrow morning, maybe in the afternoon, all day Sunday, and possibly Monday morning and evening before Thanksgiving break. "I've seen deer, but never in the right context," she says.

Several days later, Honican will explain how just being out on Lake Champlain at sunrise is rewarding—looking at the light on the bridge at Crown Point, listening to the flocks of birds overhead. "Even those geese way above you that are not within shooting range," she will say, "you can still hear the velocity of their wing spans going past you."

McFarren likens hunting to hiking in the backcountry for a couple of days, becoming attuned to the rhythms of nature, what the mountains can offer and what you can give back. "It's really nice in the East because

you get to take an hour and a half or so and just become part of the woods," the Nevada native says. "It's a symbiotic relationship, and it seems that way in the woods, too, where you sit for 15 minutes or so, and the squirrels forget that you are there, and the birds don't care anymore, so you can just become part of it. Everything exists there because it does, and it's kind of cool."

ON DECEMBER 4, Montgomery pushes out from a boat launch on Lake Champlain with his friend Terry Wilson, the Vermont-based owner of wing-shooting gear company Ugly Dog Hunting. It's a mostly windless morning, with at least 70 birds in flight and decoys bobbing on the surface, good enough for Montgomery to take one duck, a goldeneye—a whistler with black and white plumage—back to Middlebury.

Still, Montgomery feels it should have been more (was the boat making too much noise?). One duck is not good enough for the dinner party that he has planned for about 10 friends, so he supplements the bird with some wild Alaskan salmon.

The friends he's cooking for are not fellow hunters, but it's not hard to imagine that a few years from now there might be more students in Montgomery's shoes. While prospective students aren't necessarily seeking out Middlebury specifically for hunting, says Buckles, the culture fits with "a larger sense of appreciation for the natural environment and all that our special location in Vermont offers. . . . That many then turn out to be hunters is a bonus for them."

A few days later, Montgomery roots around the kitchen cupboards for some rosemary, pepper, olive oil, and a McCormick's spice rub and now sears the duck on high heat as a friend pulls Olivia's Organics salad mix, cherry tomatoes, and Vermont Creamery goat cheese from the fridge and begins slicing up green peppers and half an avocado. A bottle of Middle Sister pinot grigio sits on the maple table.

There's a Christmas tree decorated with gold balls and candy-cane dotted bows, and photo-booth shots on the fridge. It's exam week, and the group assembling here is on the cusp of not only J-term but also life permanently outside the Middlebury bubble. Dessert, to follow the duck, will be Sour Patch Kids.

The juxtaposition brings to mind a moment that Montgomery shared while hunting in Hinesburg, the memory of shooting his first deer at age six. He was hooked.

"But when you look at the face . . . and I saw the eyes, it was really sad," said Montgomery. "It showed me how precious life is, how it is such a balance between nature and man. I realized that the deer was not that much older than me."

Later on, Detwiler becomes choked up, speaking over the phone from Norwell, where he's built a life around hunting. He has met his best friends, including, at the age of 45 (more than two decades after the typically deepest bonds made at Middlebury), Berry.

"The killing of an animal is very rarely a pleasurable experience and sometimes can be heart wrenching," says Detwiler. "All these emotional factors that come into play have made me a better person, a more sensitive person, a person more respectful of the land, of animals, of people. There's a philosophy of life that is shared among serious outdoorsmen and sportsmen that the world is bigger than us." ■

Sarah Tuff '95 woke up very early on more than a few occasions to join the hunting parties featured in this story. On the other hand, she was also treated to a few delicious homemade meals for her effort.



Conventional Wisdom

People like to trot out “conventional wisdom” in conversation, often to win an argument or make a point, but also to affirm what almost everyone believes. But just because most people believe something doesn’t necessarily make it so; that’s the very definition of “conventional wisdom”: a body of ideas or beliefs generally accepted as true by the public, but also largely unexamined.

With an entire faculty at our disposal, we thought it would be interesting to ask professors about perceived truths in their respective fields of expertise, offering them the opportunity to affirm or debunk commonly held notions. They didn’t disappoint.

Illustrations by Juliette Borda

CW: The Internet Revolution Is Good for Democracy

Perhaps. Perhaps not, writes Allison Stanger.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM HIGHLIGHTS THE PROMISE of the Internet for strengthening American democracy and innovation. In eliminating gatekeepers, the Internet gives everyone a voice. Social media tools, such as Twitter and Facebook, empower the weak by making political organization easier. If Washington could only harness the power of Silicon Valley properly, it could gain better solutions to a host of public-policy problems, the sputtering launch of the website for the Obama Administration's new health initiative being a recent example. Technology empowers individuals, but what many Americans miss is that technology is a double-edged sword that can also undermine rights.

The ongoing transition to cloud computing provides a good example. Cloud computing is not new. Anyone who uses Google has experienced the power of cloud computing. You type a term into your search engine and get instant results. But your personal computer does not house the algorithms and computing power that returns a result to you. For most Americans, Google or Yahoo does. With cloud computing, servers somewhere else do the heavy lifting, not your own device.

What is new in cloud computing is the scale. The major technology companies envision a future in which all computing power and related applications would no longer be something the consumer owns. Instead, all the user will need to access vast computing power is a web browser and a password. Now owners will become renters.

Inexpensive and powerful cloud computing potentially serves the interests of consumers, companies, and democracy alike. What most consumers do not realize, however, is that whatever aspect of their life they store in the cloud does not have the same constitutional protection as the same information stored in a drawer at home.

The Fourth Amendment requires government to justify to a court why it has a compelling interest in your personal information. It protects the contents of your home computer from illegal search and seizure, but once you post something up anywhere in the cloud, you lose that protection. Virtual reality has rendered ambiguous just where Fourth Amendment protection ends. And NSA surveillance of foreign populations has antagonized our allies.

Now add the 2001 Patriot Act, which lowered the barriers to legal surveillance by allowing the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to review individual requests to suspend privacy rights, and you have an expanded license for surveillance that motivated Edward Snowden to leak what the NSA had been doing in pursuit of homeland security. To date, none of the NSA's activities have been found to violate the letter of the law. While it found "persistent instances of noncompliance," the White House panel that has urged President Obama to rein in NSA data mining found no "illegality or other abuse of authority." One federal judge has ruled that some NSA practices are likely to be unconstitutional. Another has reached the opposite conclusion. Technology's inexorable collision with existing law is likely to require Supreme Court resolution.

Our dazzling technological gadgets and the next frontier of cloud computing are products just like our kitchen appliances—with one critical difference. You do not need to know how your refrigerator works to stay free. With the cloud, it turns out you do.

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CW: One Shouldn't Throw Good Money after Bad

That's true! Though more often than not, folks seem to ignore this precept, says Jeffrey Carpenter.

THE NOTION "DON'T THROW GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD" is bandied about a lot but often ignored, despite making solid economic sense. In other words, people routinely make choices based on historical, instead of opportunity, costs. For example, we were at a party last week, and the host was conflicted because she planned to take the (very slow) train to New York City this past weekend but was offered a ride by someone else at the party. Her first impulse was to say, "Well, I already bought the ticket on the train, so I have to use it." While this seems to make sense to almost everyone, it is exactly wrong. The train ticket, if non-refundable, is a "sunk cost," one she will have to pay regardless of how she gets to New York. If the friend's ride is faster and more pleasurable, she should take it.

There are many stories about people being "sunk-cost sensitive," but there just might be a silver lining. Maybe one can use sunk costs as motivation to "do the right thing." For example, if you make people pay for their gym membership upfront for the year, they are more likely to go than if they pay at the end of the year because they feel that they've paid for it so they have to go. It makes no economic sense, but they will be happier and healthier.

Jeffrey Carpenter is the James B. Jermain Professor of Political Economy and International Law.

CW: Nature vs. Nurture Is a Legitimate Construct

No it's not. It's a false debate, says Jeremy Ward.

FOR A LONG TIME PEOPLE OF ALL VOCATIONS HAVE DEBATED whether humans are a product of their genes (nature) or their environment (nurture). The debate has taken many forms and has been vitriolic at times, particularly with regard to human behavior. During the last 15 years, and particularly in the last five years, investigations into the science of epigenetics (chemical modification of DNA affecting gene expression, often in response to environmental influences) are revealing the nature vs. nurture debate to be a false dichotomy.

We now understand that the two are closely integrated and, except in unusual cases, often inextricably linked. Studies conducted on several organisms have even demonstrated that a response to an experience (nurture) can be passed on to offspring as an adapted response—without changing DNA sequence. New data in humans even suggests that where you live could influence the balance between the two!

Two important areas of research highlighting this integration are the nature/nurture consequences of environmental pollutants (such as bisphenol A, commonly known as BPA) and stress (particularly traumatic stress). A better way to look at this for the future is to drop the false dichotomy and truly consider the combined influences of both genes and environment on human characteristics.

Jeremy Ward is the Albert D. Mead Professor of Biology.

CW: Your Child Could Paint That

Sure, she might not be the next Jackson Pollock, but that doesn't mean she shouldn't try, writes Jim Butler.

WE'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH CERTAIN CLICHÉS ABOUT ART, particularly "abstract art." The phrases "that's no more than chicken scratch" or "looks like something my six-year-old could have done" come to mind. But what actually separates real art from arbitrary daubing? I encounter this essential question teaching foundation drawing classes to Middlebury students, most with no previous formal training in visual art.

"Drawing," 19th-century French artist Jean D. Ingres wrote, "is the probity of art." He meant drawing (graphical marks) forms the irreducible syntax of visual communication. Humans, at various times, codified that syntax to create visual languages unique and meaningful to their needs. For example, cave artists of Lascaux invented drawings that vividly spoke to audiences of our distant forbears. Likewise, the colorful, fractured brushwork of Impressionism aptly mirrored



a bourgeoisie with newly found leisure time 100 years ago. Creating new visual language is ongoing, helping us define our own time.

My students learn that drawing is

what I call "a record of the hand"—a physical analog of the artist's intellectual projection. Learning how to construct a visual language is not easy (though all can do so),

and the curve can be steep. One early exercise asks students to make pencil marks, such as dots, to represent coordinates in observed space. Being smart, many quickly intuit if their "chicken scratch" could represent a door across the room, the inverse could be true. That and other principles of drawing (perspective, value, scale) are fully understood only by learning through trial, error, critique, and remaking. But once learned, comprehension of drawing opens oceans of art images to be deeply understood, including abstract paintings.

A student who recently returned from the Museum of Modern Art said to me, "Professor, now I 'get' Jackson Pollock. . . . It's so cool to see how I'm dripping paint the same way he did to make my landscape." As I nodded in agreement I thought to myself, "Yes, your child could definitely paint this . . . if he knows how."

Jim Butler is a professor of studio art and one-half of the artist team The Civil Hand. Jim's work can be viewed at www.jimbutlerfineart.com.

CW: Gravity Does Not Exist in Space

You've been led to think that, but it's not true, explains Rich Wolfson

THERE'S NO GRAVITY IN SPACE, RIGHT? Isn't that why astronauts float around weightlessly? You may have seen Sandra Bullock do just that in *Gravity*, or Tom Hanks in the earlier *Apollo 13*. And if you read the first version of Joanna Cole's *The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System*, one of Ms. Frizzle's pupils told you, "there's no gravity in space."

But there *is* gravity in space. Without it, astronauts and their spacecraft would go off in straight lines, obeying the law of inertia and leaving Earth's vicinity forever. As Isaac Newton recognized more than 300 years ago, what gravity does is pull spacecraft and their astronauts continually out of the straight lines that they "want" to follow, bending their paths into closed orbits. So there better be gravity in space. At the altitude of the International Space Station, in fact, gravity is almost as strong as it is here at Earth's surface.

So why the "weightlessness"? Because, as Galileo showed, gravity gives all objects the same acceleration, regardless of their mass. Astronauts, their spacecraft, and everything else up there with them have the same acceleration and follow the same orbit. So these things don't accelerate relative to

each other, and that makes them seem "weightless." You can experience the same "weightlessness" by jumping off a stool; for a brief moment you don't feel the heaviness of gravity, and if you drop an object it falls right alongside you—thus floating freely relative to you.

Astronauts' "weightlessness" isn't the absence of weight but "apparent weightlessness" that results from being in free fall—the state where gravity is the only force acting. It doesn't matter whether you're falling toward Earth or around Earth in an orbiting spacecraft; either way, you feel "weightless." So, about *The Magic School Bus*: The newer version gets it right, thanks to my writing the author when, decades ago, I was reading the book to my daughters. And about those movies: Sandra Bullock's apparent weightlessness was faked with special effects, but Tom Hanks's was real: The studio rented NASA's "Vomit Comet," an airplane that executes maneuvers that put it effectively in free fall—giving a half minute of apparent weightlessness.

Rich Wolfson is the Benjamin F. Wissler Professor of Physics.

CW: Faith and Reason Are Polar Opposites

Not really, writes James Calvin Davis.

AMONG RELIGIOUS BELIEVERS AND NONBELIEVERS ALIKE, it's common to hear it taken as gospel that faith and reason are polar opposites. Many believers subscribe to this dichotomy in order to celebrate the superiority of faith; an appeal to human rationality, after all, is to trust in the human rather than the divine. For their part, religion's cultured despisers often assume that convictions of faith fail the requirements of rational discourse. To quote the late Richard Rorty, faith is a "conversation stopper," because it appeals to an authority (God) that isn't universally recognized, whereas reason represents an appeal to an authority that all humans can know as objective and reliable.

The assumption that faith and reason are in conflict derives from the Enlightenment, that laudable attempt to emancipate Western intellectual culture from the grips of religious hegemony. But the assumption misrepresents reality in two important ways: On the one hand, it underestimates the logical structure of many theologically based convictions. Some of the premises at the heart of religious convictions may be unprovable by rational appeal, but the arguments built on these premises are at their

best logical, philosophically informed, and rationally compelling. On the other hand, the dichotomy underestimates the degree to which modern science and philosophy themselves are built on premises, biases, and priorities that are subjective assumptions, rather than objective derivatives from some "pure reason."

Complicating the simple dichotomy of faith versus reason has important implications for American public discourse. It invites religionists to use the resources of their traditions to articulate convictions in rationally comprehensible ways, rather than relying on simple invocations of authoritative texts or divine will. But questioning the dichotomy also challenges the religious skeptic to recognize rationality at work in many religious contributions to public debate, to critically engage those perspectives (instead of dismissing them), and to keep the conversation going.

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CW: Zero Is an Even Number

It sure is, though people haven't always thought so, writes Peter Schumer.

THE VERY CONCEPT OF ZERO AS A NUMBER—much less an even number—was not clearly established until approximately a millennium and a half ago, while the history of mathematics itself extends well back before recorded history. The idea that objects can be counted by placing them in a one-to-one correspondence with a pile of pebbles or the notches on a stick dates back at least 30,000 years, as supported by archaeological evidence from Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. Eventually names were associated with such quantities. Even our mundane number 1 might have taken some time to be considered a number. Consider the sentence, "There are a number of deer in my back yard." Certainly we are not referring to spotting just a single deer.

Zero, being the lack of some positive quantity, seems even more elusive. In fact, there are two meanings attached to zero, each having its own circuitous history. One meaning is the sense of emptiness or the lack of something, while the other is the more subtle use of zero as a place-

holder. In modern times, we have no trouble distinguishing between the numbers 26 and 206, but such distinctions were not as straightforward for the ancient Babylonians who used repetitions of their wedge-shaped cuneiform writing to express numerical quantities. (By the way, the oldest extant artifact containing a symbol representing the number zero is a Cambodian stone dated 683 CE, where zero is denoted by a dot.)

Now to our main point: The idea of fair division is another ancient concept. Dividing a quantity of grains or coins evenly must have been a common need. If an equal apportionment could be made, then the number of items was *even*. If the piles were uneven, then the number was *odd*. In this way, the *parity* of any integer could be determined. Clearly, a pile containing no items can be evenly divided into two equally empty piles. Hence the number zero is certainly an even number.

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CW: Today's Political Electorate Has Never Been More Polarized

Actually, there's little empirical evidence to support this claim, says Matt Dickinson.

IF PUNDITS (AND SOME POLITICAL SCIENTISTS) ARE TO BE BELIEVED, America is a deeply and increasingly polarized nation, an image indelibly captured in the ubiquitous red state/blue state electoral maps that crop up during every national election. The major fault line, pundits tell us, is dictated by stark differences regarding moral and cultural issues. Denizens of red states are gun-toting, pickup-driving, God-fearing social conservatives who consistently vote Republican. In contrast, the tree-hugging, Prius-owning secular humanists occupying blue states are committed Democrats.

In truth, there is little empirical evidence to support this conventional wisdom. A plurality of Americans—roughly 40 percent—self-identify as moderates or as *slightly* liberal or conservative. Another quarter indicate that they either have not thought about their own ideology or can't place themselves. In contrast, only about 20 percent describe themselves as conservative or strongly conservative, and the corresponding liberal numbers are even smaller, at about 13 percent. Moreover, except for a slight drop in both the number of self-proclaimed liberals and the ideologically agnostic, these proportions have not changed significantly for more than three decades.

It is the same with party identification. While the proportion of Americans calling themselves strong partisans (either Democrat or Republican) has stayed at roughly 33 percent for more than half a century,

the proportion of strong and weak independents has jumped from 26 percent in 1952 to more than 40 percent today. And when we examine attitudes on hot-button cultural issues, such as abortion rights or prayer in school, surveys show that Americans' views on these issues have scarcely budged across two decades.

So why do pundits insist that Americans are growing ever more divided? The mistake they make is to confuse a choice between two polarized *candidates* or *issues* with a polarized *public*. It is true that our political class, including elected officials and activists, are deeply polarized and that they frequently push extreme political agendas. As a result, Americans often must choose between two very partisan candidates and issues. That gives the appearance of a polarized nation, despite the fact most Americans are moderates. Indeed, the social values that attract so much media attention actually rank very low in voters' priorities; instead voters are primarily concerned with bread-and-butter economic issues. Moreover, there is not much evidence indicating that "red state" and "blue state" voters differ significantly in their views on most of these controversial social issues.

A divided nation? In Washington, D.C., yes—but outside the halls of government we remain the United States.

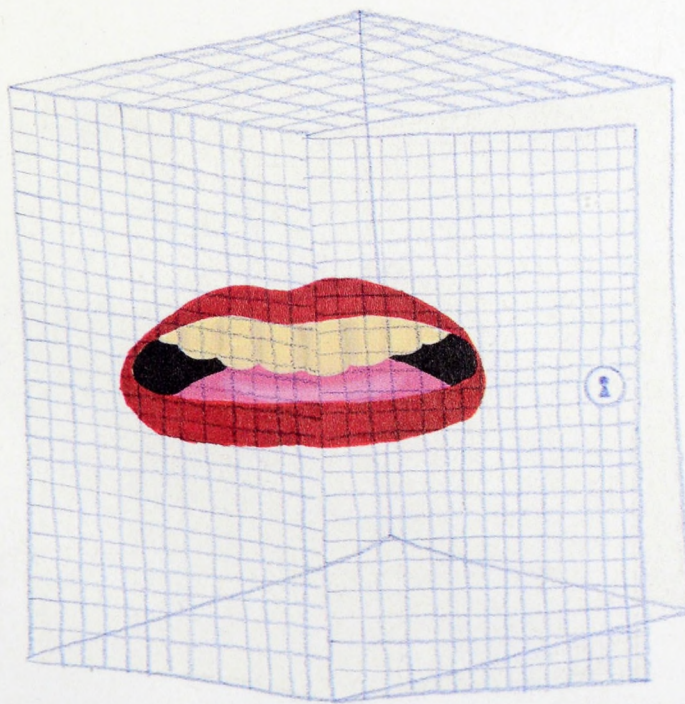
Matt Dickinson is a professor of political science and the author of the blog "Presidential Power," which can be found at sites.middlebury.edu/presidentialpower.

CW: The First Amendment Guarantees Unfettered Free Speech

Not even close, says Erik Bleich.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT FORBIDS CONGRESS from making laws that abridge the freedom of speech. Most Americans believe this means that they can say whatever they want, wherever they want. But this has never been the case. Speech has long been regulated in the United States in a wide number of ways. Americans cannot lawfully incite violence, divulge state secrets, or harass their fellow citizens. Nor can they walk around residential neighborhoods shouting through a bullhorn in the middle of the night.

Americans also have fewer rights to free speech in schools and workplaces than they do in the town square or in magazines such as this one. Teenagers can be suspended and employees can be fired for saying things that would be protected speech in public venues. In addition, private companies like Facebook or media outlets like radio or television—and federal agencies that oversee them—have



broad power to regulate speech on their platforms, as *Duck Dynasty's* Phil Robertson found out when his

homophobic statements caused A&E to suspend him briefly from the show. The market power of

outraged viewers prompted the network to lift the suspension, not the First Amendment. To the extent that Americans enjoy relatively unfettered free speech in public is largely a product of 20th-century Supreme Court decisions that federalized laws which were previously controlled by states and local governments. While many Americans hold fast to the idea that free speech is a paramount value in the United States, it has always been the subject of political and legal wrangling. It's more accurate to view our current rules as reflecting an attempt to balance the undeniable good that comes from free speech against the harms that it can sometimes produce.

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CW: The Emancipation Proclamation Freed the Slaves

Not all, writes Amy Morsman. Only those held in Confederate states.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN MAY HAVE BEEN KNOWN AS THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR, but he crafted the Emancipation Proclamation as a limited declaration of freedom, with practical consequences; he never intended for it to end slavery or to free all the slaves. He considered it a useful strategy to destabilize the enemy, the Confederacy, by depriving it of the slave labor upon which its people and its military depended. Slaveholding states in the Union—Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland, and Delaware—were not affected.

Lincoln first promised in September 1862 that if Confederates did not give up the fight and come back into the Union by January 1, 1863, he would proclaim, by execu-

tive order, their slaves forever free. Lincoln followed through with that promise on New Year's Day, effectively abolishing slavery within the Confederacy, but nowhere else. Many people criticized this abolition decree as an empty gesture, utterly unenforceable—how could an executive order issued by the president of the United States have any bearing on people and property no longer *within* the United States?—and profoundly hypocritical, since it left slavery intact in the slaveholding states that were still in the Union.

Lincoln, however, could not do more. As president, he lacked the constitutional power to emancipate slaves in the Union. Only members of the legislative branch,

on the federal or state level, could do that through law or constitutional amendment. (Of course, legislators ultimately ended slavery in the U. S. by passing the 13th Amendment to the federal constitution, but not until 1865.)

Lincoln could issue and enforce the Emancipation Proclamation only in his role as commander in chief. With the Union threatened at every turn, he had the military capacity to respond to acts of open rebellion with executive orders designed to squelch that rebellion. Because he viewed Confederates not as citizens of a new nation, but as traitorous Americans engaged in insurrection, Lincoln felt empowered to issue the Emancipation Proclamation as a limited, strategic

war measure, affecting only the enemy, not the country he was struggling to save. From that point on, though, Union armies enforced the proclamation wherever they advanced into Confederate territory, and news of it spread throughout the South, inciting many slaves to flee to Union lines. Additionally, the proclamation, even with its limited scope, had a powerful effect on the Union's international standing. European countries that had been considering aiding the Confederacy chose to stay out of the conflict to give abolition a chance. Lincoln's half measure ultimately paid big dividends.

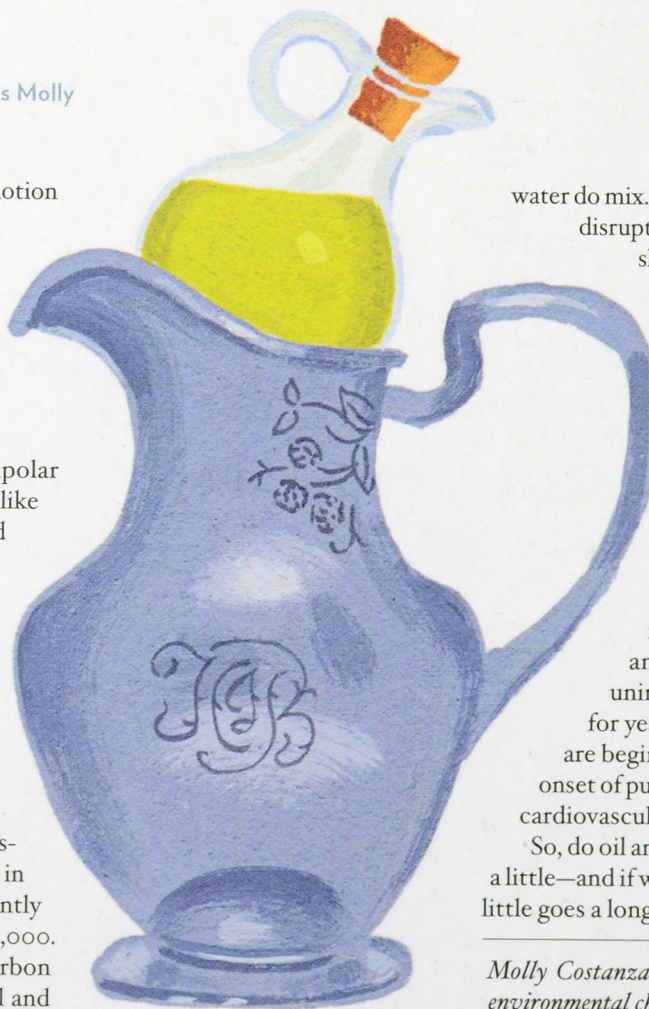
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CW: Oil and Water Don't Mix

A useful rule, but it can get you in trouble, writes Molly Costanza-Robinson.

"OIL AND WATER DON'T MIX" conveys a binary notion of molecules as being either polar (watery) or nonpolar (oily), and of a segregated, sociochemical scene where like-molecules intermingle but shun others. These rules allow us to understand water beading up on a newly waxed car, salad dressing separating into its layers, and the lava lamp's distinct blobs of watery and oily chemistry that mesmerize. They also explain why large nonpolar organic molecules, including legacy pollutants like DDT, accumulate in fatty tissues of plants and animals and are passed on, mother to child, via lipid-rich breast milk. (Note, though, that the many benefits of breast-feeding outweigh any risks posed by chemical contaminants.) But the fact is, molecules are not either watery or oily; they exist on a continuum between the two, and all molecules mix into each other to some degree.

Carbon tet, an overtly toxic carcinogen released to the environment through various industries and, not incidentally, the oily chemical used in the original lava lamp, mixes with water sufficiently to exceed its safe drinking limit by a factor of 162,000. Residents of cancer "hot spots" who drank carbon tet-contaminated water will assure you that oil and



water do mix. Likewise, somewhat "oily" endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs) dissolve ever so slightly out of our toys, food containers, cosmetics, and electronics into our food, drinks, and saliva. Some get inhaled on dust particles and dissolve in our lungs. In exchange for their flame-retardant and water-repellant properties and for the pleasing flexibility and rich textures imparted by plasticizers, consumers receive miniscule EDC concentrations, concentrations that nevertheless rival those of our active hormones and set our endocrine system down unintended paths. Although discounted for years as "too low to matter," scientists are beginning to link EDC exposure to early onset of puberty in girls, dropping sperm counts, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and diabetes.

So, do oil and water mix? In fact they do, at least a little—and if we're talking about toxins or EDCs, a little goes a long way.

Molly Costanza-Robinson is an associate professor of environmental chemistry.

CW: Great Minds Think Alike

It may sound nice, but it also rings false, explains Pieter Broucke.

"GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE," the conventional wisdom goes. However, in reality, great minds hardly ever think alike at all—they all think differently, creatively, and for themselves. In the process, they come up with original and novel solutions as a direct result of seeing unexpected connections and hidden opportunities, which they pursue with a vengeance.

Some cases in point: Abraham Lincoln, an unknown lawyer from the Midwest, assured himself the nomination for president at the Republican convention of 1860 in Chicago by positioning himself as every delegate's second choice. And think of Wagner Dodge, the firefighter in the Mann Gulch wildfire in Montana in 1949, who, realizing he and his men were being pursued by a wind-driven firewall, managed to save himself by igniting the terrain in front of him and jumping into its burnt-out area, the fire coming up from behind him moving around him.

More recently, Steve Jobs, at a time when Microsoft dominated the personal-computer software market, approached computer design at Apple from the users' perspective and their desire for simple and intuitive interfaces. Having taken a course in calligra-

phy at Reed College, Jobs wanted both hardware and software—and the outcome they generate—to be elegant and pleasing to the eye.

This also applies to institutions, including Middlebury. Nearly a century ago, Middlebury ran its first summer Language School, founded on the then-novel notion of language immersion, a notion that has since proven to be one of the best ways of acquiring foreign language competency. In 1965, conventional wisdom had it that environmental studies had no place at the undergraduate level. Well, Middlebury proved otherwise, turning its program into a model emulated at many institutions. The same happened with international and global studies, and more recently with architectural studies.

Another example: Lisa Han '16, a sophomore interested in conceiving intuitive interfaces on the intersection between art and technology. Middlebury does not (yet!) have an academic program in design, but that is hardly stopping her: she is pursuing a self-designed (pun intended) independent scholar major in design. She will draw upon architectural studies, MiddCORE, studio art, and a full year of study abroad. She starts this spring with an independent study, charting her



own course in design and technology. Clearly, great minds do not think alike!

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of the Architectural Studies Program. He is a professor of history of art and architecture, as well as the associate curator of ancient art at the Middlebury College Museum of Art.

CW: The Taj Mahal Is A Love Poem in Stone.

Sadly, the truth is far less romantic, writes Cynthia Packert.

FOR MOST VISITORS TO INDIA, a visit to the Taj Mahal is high on the list of "must-see" attractions. This extraordinary white-marble mausoleum was commissioned in 1631 after Emperor Shah Jahan's wife Mumtaz Mahal died giving birth to her 14th child. The Taj has often been called "a love poem in stone," and tour guides will point out the foundations of another structure across the Yamuna River from the Taj Mahal, claiming that

Shah Jahan was planning to build a matching black tomb for himself. (Visitors also confuse the mausoleum with a mosque.)

The Taj Mahal is, in fact, a funerary structure that houses both Mumtaz Mahal and Shah Jahan, who was buried beside her upon his death in 1666. Mumtaz was not his only wife, although she was one of his favorites. The mausoleum was designed as a commemorative shrine with gardens and reflecting

pools that simulate the Garden of Paradise, and is flanked on its left by the mosque and the right by a rest house.

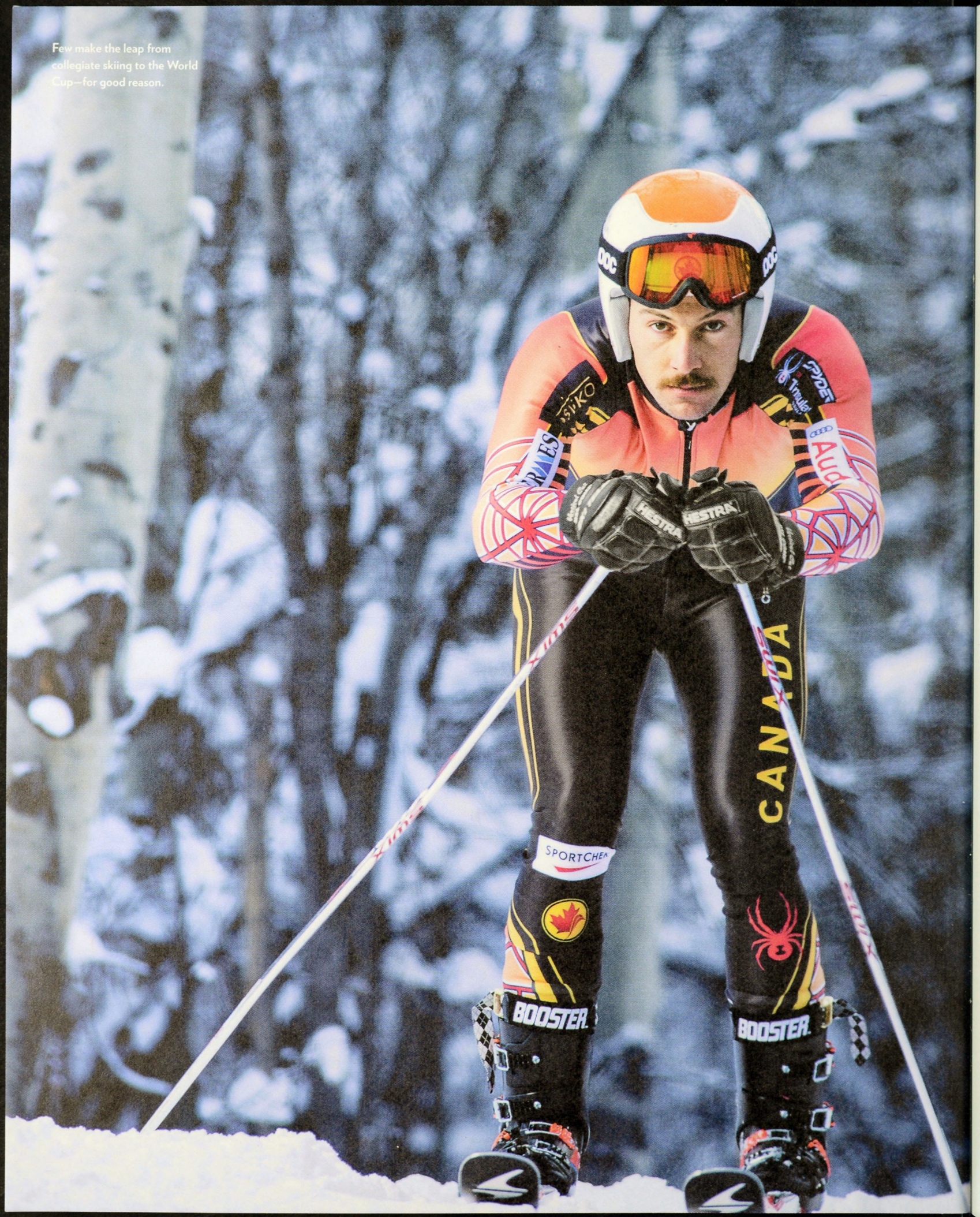
The tomb is adorned with verses from the Qur'an, many of which refer to Paradise and the Day of Judgment. The foundations across the river are the remains of a formal garden that further extend the plan of the Taj to include the river and its far banks in its overall design.

The monument is thus a sacred

space, meant to be a place of commemoration and a powerful display of imperial patronage. More than anything, it is a monument to Shah Jahan's desire to create a physical symbol of Paradise and a lasting memorial to his belief that he was a divinely ordained ruler. ■

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Few make the leap from
collegiate skiing to the World
Cup—for good reason.



Uncle Donnie Takes On the World

*Skier David Donaldson '13 takes a leap of faith,
from the carnival circuit to the World Cup*

BY TIM ETCHELLS '74, *Photographs by Ted Wood*

THE GEORGIAN PEAKS CLUB IS A SMALL SKI AREA IN ONTARIO, carved out of a section of the Niagara escarpment that runs along the south shore of Lake Huron's Georgian Bay. A couple of hours northwest of downtown Toronto, Georgian Peaks has a modest vertical drop of 820 feet. Think of a ski area slightly smaller than the Middlebury College Snow Bowl (1,000 vertical), but with stunning lake views.

David Donaldson '13, one of the best alpine skiers ever to compete for Middlebury, is a Toronto native and got his start skiing and racing at Georgian Peaks. His parents, Paul and Catherine Donaldson, and his older sister, Sarah, were regulars at the Peaks by the time David came along. His first stop was the day care program. That lasted till he was two and a half.

"I think I made such a fuss in the Peaks day care while my parents, my sister, and all the other kids were out skiing that they finally couldn't put up with me anymore," Donaldson said, "and they just let me go, even though I was probably too young to start. The ski areas are all pretty tiny, and you can just let kids go and ski as much as they want. So I was able to just go as fast as I wanted, and I guess I learned how to do that pretty well."

Well enough to excel in junior racing, make it to the cusp of the Canadian national team, and become one of the most decorated college skiers ever. Now he's taking on a new challenge: Jumping from NCAA competition straight to the World Cup, hoping to make Canada's Olympic team for the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia. And he's doing it mostly on his own.

A talented athlete, Donaldson played soccer, hockey, golf, and baseball, all at a high level, in addition to skiing. "David played every sport full tilt," says Catherine Donaldson. "In skiing, you couldn't get him off the hill. The lifts closed at 4:00 or 4:30, and the kids would always take the last ride, and it would take them forever to come down. They'd go off in

the woods, build their own jumps." Sarah Donaldson Kennedy says it helped her brother to have "an older sister, and all her friends, that he needed to keep up with."

After thousands of hours on snow at the Peaks, Donaldson rose through the ranks of junior skiers in Ontario. He's now about 5' 11" and 175 pounds; at 15 he was tiny, weighing maybe 85 pounds, when he began skiing in races sanctioned by the International Ski Federation, known by its French acronym, FIS. But he persevered—and grew—and soon was competing for a spot on the Canadian national team. He never quite cemented a place on the team, though, and after some frustrating seasons, he was ready to give up on skiing when an old friend from Ontario, Johnny Davidson, called to suggest he consider skiing on the NCAA circuit for the University of Vermont, where Davidson had skied and was then a coach. Two years at UVM ensued, including a fistful of carnival wins, two All-American awards, and an NCAA giant slalom championship.

He spent the next season again trying to make the Canadian team, during which his eligibility at UVM ran out. Then Stever Bartlett, head coach of the alpine ski team at Middlebury, reached out to Donaldson, offering him the opportunity to use his remaining college eligibility skiing for the Panthers. Because of NCAA rules, Donaldson couldn't ski right away. "First, he had to spend a year in residence at Middlebury," said Bartlett. "He couldn't race in carnivals. But he hit the books, and he was out there every day, working with the other skiers. [Assistant alpine ski coach] Abby Copeland and I were floored: Here was a guy who couldn't race; he could have been pissed off and grumpy. Instead, he pitched in and helped out. He showed some pretty good maturity."

Katelyn Barclay '15 was one of five first-year women on that year's team. "We had a fairly young team, and Donnie was coming in at 25," said Barclay. "At a place like Middlebury, you don't usually see a 25-year-old athlete of Donnie's caliber. . . . We all saw him as the 'cool uncle' . . . and we started calling him Uncle Donnie, and eventually the name really stuck around campus and then on the carnival circuit."

When Donaldson did get a chance to ski for Middlebury, in the 2013 season, all he did was win six carnival races: five in GS, including the first four in a row, and one in slalom. He had a rough time in GS at the NCAAs, held at the Snow Bowl, but rallied to finish second in slalom, leading the men's team to its second straight slalom title.

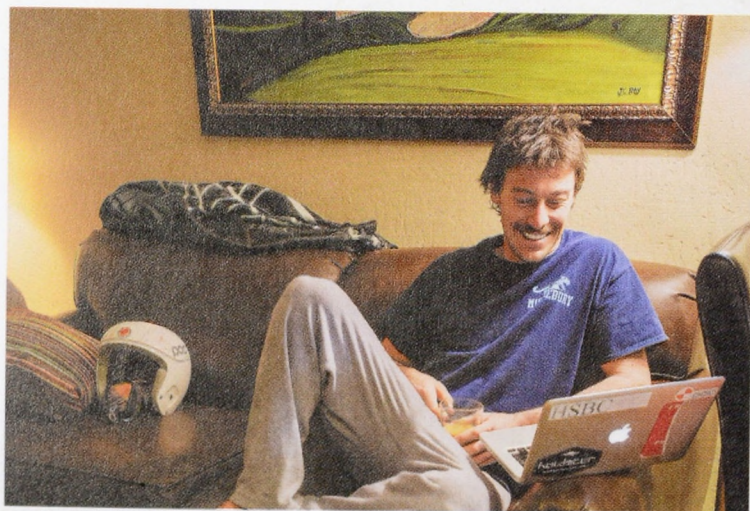
The biggest news for Donaldson came after the NCAAs were over. Based on his performance in Nor-Am Cup giant slalom races, he earned a starting spot in every World Cup GS for the 2013–14 season. That made some slightly amazing things at least theoretically possible: He could use his World Cup results to qualify for the Canadian team and perhaps even make the Olympic team for Sochi. He spent the off-season getting ready, both in the gym and training on snow, in New Zealand and Chile.

His first-ever World Cup start came in Sölden, Austria, in October, and while he had a good first split, his day ended early when he skied out in the first run. In December, the World Cup circuit moved to Beaver Creek, Colorado.

Giant slalom day, December 8, on Beaver Creek's Birds of Prey course dawned cold, with enough snow coming down to cause a race postponement. Once things got going, the fireworks came early. U.S. Ski Team star Ted Ligety demolished the field, and teammate Bode Miller finished second.

For Donaldson, starting 48th in his first North American World Cup, the goal was to finish in the top 30, to qualify for the second run, which is where you can score World Cup points: 100 points to the winner, down to one point for the person who finishes 30th. But even with his parents, his sister, and his brother-in-law in the stands cheering him on, it didn't happen. He had a good top split on the demanding Birds of Prey

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World Cup courses can be treacherous—a recent crash left Donaldson with a lacerated neck.



DONNIE 2

BLIZZARD



The Checklist

Because Donaldson is not a member of the Canadian national team, he is responsible for making his own travel arrangements—which includes packing. No easy task for a skier on the World Cup circuit.

1st Ski Bag Two pairs of giant slalom skis with bindings. One pair of powder skis. (Hopefully they are required at some point). Two pairs of running shoes. One pair of Timberlands. Slalom and giant slalom poles. Weight: 67 lbs.

2nd Ski Bag Two pairs of slalom skis with bindings. Poncho. Hard-shell ski coat. Slalom shorts. Two downhill suits. Shin guards. Weight: 52 lbs.

Duffel Bag Tuning kit. Ski tuning vices. Helmet. Four pairs of goggles. Three long-john bottoms. Three long-john tops. Three pairs of workout shorts. Three pairs of regular shorts. One touque (that's Canadian for winter hat). Six pairs of sport socks. Two pairs of ski socks. One pair of board shorts. Three pairs of boxers. One flannel and one button-down shirt. One tennis racquet. One hoodie. One polo shirt. Toothbrush and toothpaste. Advil. Tylenol. Tylenol 3. (Hopefully those stay in the bag). Nail clippers. Extra booster straps. Weight: 58 lbs.

Bundle of Slalom Poles Weight: 68 lbs.

Carry-on Bag Ski boots. (Never trust an airline with these.)

Backpack One pair of boxers. One pair of socks. Toronto Blue Jays hat. Light puffy coat. Middlebury soft shell coat. Lulu hoodie. One pair of jeans and one pair of sweat pants.

—“The Checklist” originally appeared as a blog post on Donaldson’s website, www.theuncleddonnie.com.

course, but he got late and low on a gate about halfway down the course. He finished—the first time he’d finished a run on the World Cup—but missed the second run by four-tenths of a second.

“I just had nothing left in the tank,” Donaldson said in the finish area. “I spent it all up top and got down here and just had to fight to get to the bottom. I felt like I had a good run going. But then I made a big mistake. I had no legs, and I just couldn’t get high enough. I lost my speed there and had no speed for the whole bottom section.”

The day after Beaver Creek, Donaldson was on a plane for Europe and the iron of the World Cup schedule. He competed in GS on the tough track at Val d’Isère, France, known to racers, for good reason, as Val Despair. He didn’t finish the first run. Then it was on to Alta Badia, Italy, one of the most storied GS hills in the world, where he again was a first-run DNF.

The rough start illustrates why skiers rarely jump to the World Cup from college racing. World Cup courses are much tougher, half again as long, with surfaces that are often snow in name only. Race organizers firm up courses by injecting water into the surface or by tilling the snow and hosing it down. It’s not quite skating-rink hard, but close.

And for Donaldson, there is also the matter of tackling the World Cup on his own. Catherine Donaldson says her son “has been his own coach for a long time. He had a brief cup of coffee with the Canadian team. But otherwise he’s had to do it all on his own. He sets up his own trips, rents his own car, works on his own skis.” He does connect with the Canadian team at World Cup sites, but he’s otherwise a one-man band.

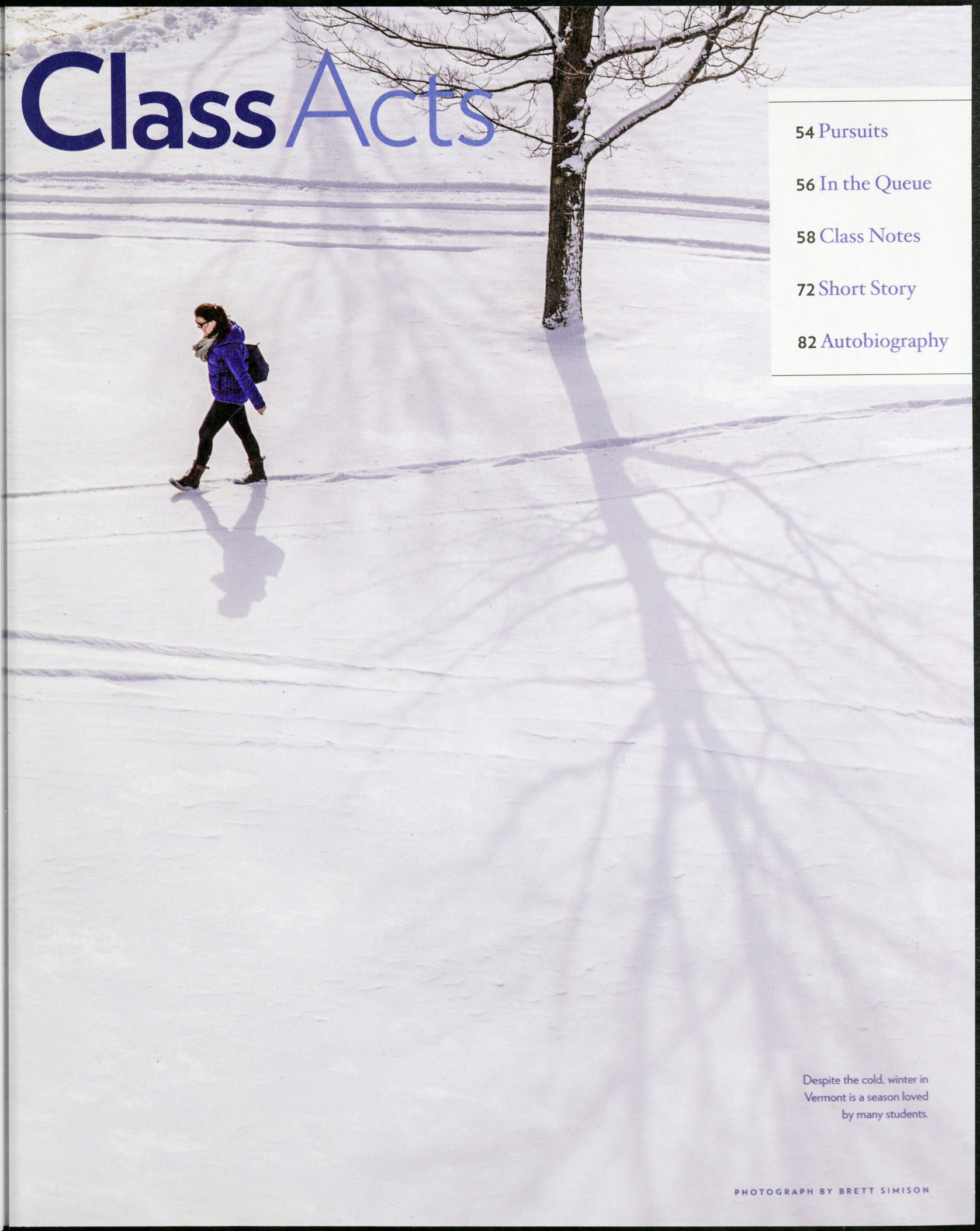
Forest Carey ’00 also came to college ski racing after chasing World Cup success. A three-time All-American and later head alpine coach for the Panthers, he’s now head coach of what’s called the World Cup multi-group for the U.S. Ski Team. His charges are Ligety and Miller, arguably the two best skiers in the history of the U.S. men’s team. “It’s cool to see David coming from college to earn a World Cup spot on his own,” Carey said. “He’s got eight starts on the World Cup that no one can take away from him. That being said, the challenge is enormous. The Nor-Am circuit is a good one, but it’s all in the comfort of North America. The courses are shorter and not typically prepared with water; you don’t get the gnarly conditions that you find regularly on the World Cup.”

Carey pointed out the importance of equipment at this level. “He’s probably preparing his own skis, and that adds a lot to the burden. And he’s having to ski on new equipment,” thanks to some FIS rule changes governing World Cup GS skis, making them longer and thinner, with less sidecut. “The guys on the World Cup have it pretty well sorted out. They’re skiing as well now on the new stuff as they did on the old skis. Donnie will still be getting used to them. With all that, and having to deal with his own finances, it’s just a huge challenge. To be ranked in the top 30 on the World Cup at the end of the year would be a huge success.”

Those who know him best will tell you that Donaldson is nothing if not persistent. Which is why he’s determined to come back and finish up the courses he needs to get his Middlebury degree. But first, there’s the matter of chasing the dream that began at Georgian Peaks almost 25 years ago.

Kip Harrington, head coach of the Canadian development team, has coached Donaldson and known him for years. If Uncle Donnie’s quest seems at times quixotic, Harrington reminds us that Donaldson, once just a skinny kid, “has been a little bit behind the curve all the way along. But he’s always gotten there eventually.” ■

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Despite the cold, winter in Vermont is a season loved by many students.

PHOTOGRAPH BY BRETT SIMISON



BY DICK ANDERSON

Vision Quest

Dan Curry '68 can realize anything—and by *realize*, I mean make, build, render into being. He can turn shampoo bottles into spaceships. He can cajole friends into modeling for a recreation of the Cherry Valley Massacre of November 11, 1778 (a bicentennial commission for a museum in Massachusetts). He can paint whole universes on a single canvas if the

job calls for it—or a Christmas tableau, with chimney smoke and blinking lights, for a holiday episode of *Laverne and Shirley*.

When Curry—a veteran visual effects supervisor/producer with seven Emmys (out of 15 nominations) on his shelf and an arm belonging to *Star Trek*'s Borg Queen in his workshop at his home in Studio City, California—enrolled at Middlebury nearly half a century ago, he had “no idea” what he was going to do professionally. “There was a movie theater on our corner growing up, and I began drawing storyboards for imaginary movies before I knew what storyboards were,” says the Bellerose, New York, native. “When I played with toy soldiers, I wasn’t playing war—I was playing making movies about war.” When he saw *The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad* in 1958, “there was a little display in the lobby about how Ray Harryhausen did the effects, and I said, ‘I think I can do that.’”

Coming to Middlebury on scholarship, from a high school more accustomed to dealing with parole officers than admissions officers, “I didn’t realize how incredibly good it was,” Curry says. Chandler Potter, who taught production design for theater, was an important influence; and a Midd production of *A Streetcar Named Desire* “opened my eyes for what live theater can be—the settings were very abstract, but they were so right on for the tone of Tennessee Williams’s play.”

After Curry graduated with a fine arts major and a theater minor in 1968, he joined the Peace Corps. He built little farms and bridges on the banks of the Mekong, “which actually had a positive impact on people’s lives,” and designed a nearby marketplace. He experienced Thai village culture just as it had existed, unchanged for centuries, “before *The Flintstones* was dubbed into Thai,” he says.

Fast-forward a decade or so to graduate school at Humboldt State University, where Curry pursued an MFA in film and theater. A one-man show of his paintings caught the eye of visiting lecturer Marcia Lucas (an Oscar winner for editing then-husband George’s *Star Wars*). She referred Curry to Universal Studios, which was looking for artists who could do photo-realistic work in oils—“because in those days there were no computers”—so he moved to Los Angeles, joined the Illustrators and Matte Artists Union, and went to work on *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century* and *Battlestar Galactica*.

Jobs in visual effects and main title design occupied much of the 1980s, until Curry got a call from Paramount asking him to supervise visual effects for *Star Trek: The Next Generation* in 1989. “Who wouldn’t?” he says. Curry worked on the *Star Trek* franchise for the next 18 years (through *Deep Space Nine*, *Voyager*, and *Enterprise*), eventually directing second-unit shoots and many fight sequences as well.

Then he spent a single year on *Moonlight* for CBS, four years on *Chuck* for NBC, and wrote a white paper for NASA as a member of its vision team. His latest project is a new series starring Gillian Anderson and Dermot Mulroney called *Crisis*, which is expected to premiere on NBC sometime after the Winter Olympics.

“Whether it’s designing a dam, or creating an oil painting, or figuring out shots for a movie, I look at it all as an extension of the same thing,” Curry says. “It’s a reaction to the phenomenon of life. And sometimes there’s greater truth in fiction than there is in reality. We are all at the center of our own imaginary universe.” **M**

Dick Anderson is a writer in Los Angeles. He learned all about special effects through the pages of Starlog magazine before there was an Internet.

PARALLELS



MARTIAL ARTIST

“I dislike phony movie weapons that have poor ergonomics,” says Curry, who staged his first gunfight—playing both characters onscreen—as an eight-year-old filmmaker (with his older brother, John, behind the camera). Not only has he trained in the martial arts, Curry has a cache of rifles, knives, and centuries-old ordnance from his travels throughout Asia. A well-worn knifeboard is stationed just outside his workshop: “I have a variety of throwing knives to keep in practice.”

MUSICIAN

Perhaps best known for the Strato-caster, Fender was thinking about doing a limited-edition *Star Trek* art guitar. So Curry, a gifted musician himself, designed this prototype for the manufacturer, which is carved with silver and gold abalone communi-cator badges. The guitar, alas, never went into production, so this model is a one-of-a-kind.



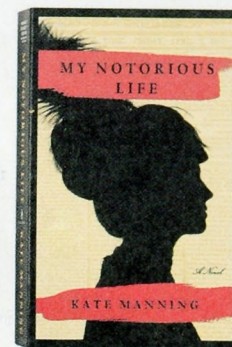
INNOVATOR

Son Devin—now 31, and following in his father’s footsteps professionally—wanted to be a robot one year for Halloween, so Curry made a full bodysuit for him out of water bottles. One of the gifts required of his profession “is the ability to see objects independent of their actual scale and original purpose and see what they could be. If you walk into a hardware store, it’s full of spaceship parts.” At the top of Curry’s list of passion projects is a movie about asteroid mining that he and Devin dreamed up together.



BOOK REVIEW

Rights and Wrong



From the streets of New York to the splash of Fifth Avenue to the docks of the courtroom, Axie Muldoon has indeed lived a notorious life.

BY BLAIR KLOMAN, MA ENGLISH '94

IN HER BRILLIANT second novel, *My Notorious Life*, Kate Manning '79 intertwines historical and cultural elements to create a riveting tale of family, love, and politics that spans time and place from the 1860s into the next century.

In a prefacing note, the novel is presented as a collection of found diaries belonging to the irreverent and unflappable Axie Muldoon—aka Annie, Mrs. Charles G. Jones, Madame DeBeausacq, and, finally, the Notorious Madame X—and Manning's facility with the nuances of language, class, and societal issues of the day yields a work that is so transporting it's often hard to remember it's fiction.

The novel is, in fact, based on historical events and characters, including the main character, and much of the action centers on women's reproductive rights and abortion—issues that are just as heated and relevant today. (Manning's first novel, *Whitegirl*, deftly and emotionally explored race issues in the 1990s; she is no stranger to hot topics.)

The story opens with a 12-year-old Axie and her two younger siblings—undernourished and bedraggled street children of equally struggling immigrant parents—as they navigate the downtown rubble of a New York teeming with destitution. The painful consequence of reckless and uneducated procreation is searingly clear.

Chance brings the wayward children into the path of one C. L. Brace, an actual historical leader of social reform who was instrumental in “rescuing” urchins from the streets and sending them on the “Orphan Train” to farm families in the Midwest. With the three Muldoons, he does just that, and so Axie's journey begins.

From her teenage years as a restless orphan and doctor's apprentice, she has catapulted into an adult life of accidental infamy. She has an ironclad will to survive, and that often becomes

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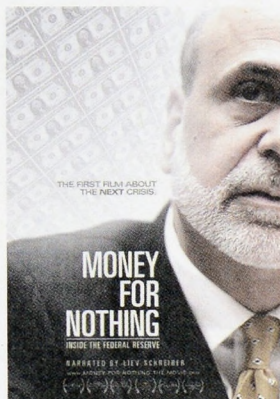
her downfall as well. She's as anchored by the words of Elizabeth Barrett Browning as she is driven by her duty to do right by the women who flock to her aid. "It was not the business of men," she writes in her hard-edged street dialect, which stayed with her throughout her grander life: "These matters was now, and always was, for a female to determine."

Axie Muldoon is a fascinating character, and her life and story are no less so. **M**

EXCERPT

The swish of my skirts was a whisper of refinement over the parquet in the vestibule, where I removed my bonnet and glanced to the front parlor, so distinguished with brocade upholstered sofas and lace antimacassars on the backs of tufted armchairs in crimson Genoa velvet. No street rat or kitchen drab like I once was could ever hope to be crossing the wide mirrored landing where I saw myself framed in gilt, twenty-six years of age, and mistress of the house. It startled me every time, to confront Mrs. Ann M. Jones reflected like a member of the gentility. Whenever I found myself alone on the landing, I had to admire the figure cut there. Hello, and how do you do, Mrs. Jones? I said to myself. Fine thank you, yes indeed, a pleasant good day to you too, you codfish, Axie, don't get too fond of it.

In truth I didn't trust the mirror at Liberty Street to hold this swell picture of me very long. Ever suspicious of good fortune, I was always after thinking some fever of consumption would come in the night to steal my breath. Despite that certain procedures was going on against the law, behind closed doors, all over town, and nobody was ever arrested for it, it was sure as sin if Somebody was caught, it would be myself.



Fed Up

BY MATT JENNINGS

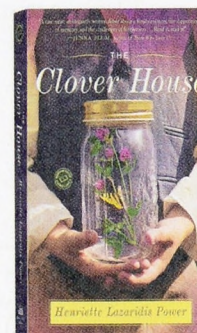
JIM BRUCE '96 is not calling for the end of the Federal Reserve in his documentary *Money for Nothing*, nor is the film a polemic in the style of Michael Moore. But the film doesn't go easy on the Fed either.

"It questions how big the Fed has grown, what an influence it is on our stock market, the housing market, the government bond market," Bruce told *Middlebury Magazine* when he was on campus this fall for a screening of *Money for Nothing*. "The Fed is Atlas holding up the global financial system." And Bruce, a film editor making his directorial debut, believes that this needs to change.

Among the people who appear on screen are former and now current Fed chiefs, Paul Volcker and Janet Yellen. Ben Bernanke, Yellen's predecessor and the sitting chair when the film was made, did not respond to repeated requests for interviews; nor did Bernanke's predecessor, Alan Greenspan. And while Bruce would have loved to have talked to both, he acknowledges that the world has heard a lot from Greenspan and Bernanke, and it was a great opportunity to hear from other voices expressing other opinions.

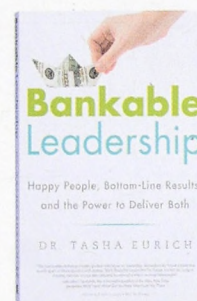
One of the many challenges of making a film about the Federal Reserve is taking incredibly complex, and at times opaque, policies and ideas and distilling them for a general audience. But, says Bruce, the stakes are too high not to try.

"The Fed affects all of us. What I'm trying to do is bring the average person into the room to be a part of that conversation." **M**



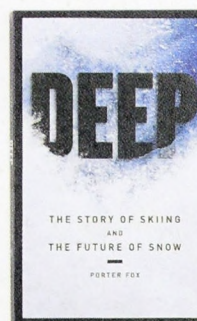
HENRIETTE LAZARIDIS POWER

The Clover House
Henriette Lazaridis Power '82 has crafted a riveting story about a family mystery. Calliope Brown travels to Greece to claim an inheritance from her uncle. As she sorts through the contents of his house, she discovers a hidden secret from the past.



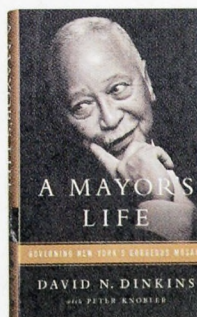
TASHA EURICH

Bankable Leadership
For managers who want to get bottom-line results and have happy staff, workplace psychologist Tasha Eurich '02 shows how to deliver both by developing and honing the people skills that effective leaders need.



PORTER FOX

Deep: The Story of Skiing and The Future of Snow
Part skier's travelogue and part environmentalist's lament, Porter Fox '94 has written the first in-depth look at how climate change is affecting the lives of those who live to ski.



PETER KNOBLER

A Mayor's Life
Coauthored with David Dinkins, Peter Knobler '68 provides an inside look at New York City's first African American mayor—the man who reversed the city's crime rate and launched the cleanup of Times Square.

ClassActs

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32 Cynthia Poltrack Skinner '64 sent the sad news that her mother, **Nancy Moores Poltrack**, died on July 26. At the time of her death, just three months shy of her 103rd birthday, she was the oldest living Middlebury alum! Cynthia said Middlebury was very important to her mother and her classmates were a part of her life for many years. She stayed in contact with them, had mini-reunions, and shared laughter and memories.

35 Thanks to what she calls good genes and a positive attitude, **Marge Clark Headley** turned 100 years old on June 5. She says that must be because she doesn't drink milk or exercise or eat vegetables! A Pleasanton, Calif., resident for more than 30 years, she recently made a move to San Diego to be near family. She and husband Fran raised two sons and one of them helped her pack and move her belongings, including a two-year-old parakeet named Sammy.

37 It is with great sadness that we must report that **Marshall Sewell** passed away on November 7. At Middlebury he was a Theta Chi, worked on the Kaleidoscope and for the *Campus*, and was an active member of the Mountain Club. His ties to Middlebury remained strong after graduating and he served the College in many ways. With a career in fund-raising, he used his skills as a class agent and reunion class agent. He used his writing skills to serve as the class secretary from 1998 until his death. For his devotion and service to the College, he received both the Class Secretary Award in 2007 and the Alumni Plaque in 2012. He will be greatly missed.

38 I am sorry to say that I could not write up any class notes for this issue because I had surgery on my writing hand! I send my best wishes to my classmates.

—Class Correspondent: Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 100 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.

39 **REUNION CLASS** What is your fondest memory of Middlebury? Mine is learning to ski. I did a lot of skiing when I taught my four children to ski—and we went all over the Northeast to ski areas. I recently found a fun thing to do in retirement. I cut out parts of ads and headlines from newspapers, then I write something in response. It's fun and I suggest it for amusement and for challenging one's mind. For example, I recently cut out the following: "Something just went wrong." I then wrote, "If it does, sing a song. A better day will come along." I cut out the phrase "Ready to Serve." My comment was

"I served in WWII and would serve again if the country needed me." • Don't forget that our 75th reunion is June 6–8! I am planning to attend.

—Class Correspondent: A. Roger Clarke (arogerclarke@aol.com), 7 Rundel Park, Rochester, NY 14607.

40 We have learned from Barton Hall '71 that his mother, **Beverly Barton Hall**, 95, died in mid-September in the home where she raised her family and lived for more than 60 years. An English major, she was always passionate about books, worked professionally as a librarian for decades, and had books beside her to the very last. In 1995 she published *Secret of the Lion's Head*, a historical novel for adolescents told from the perspective of her husband's grandmother, a child living at the nexus of Elizabeth Van Lew's spy ring in Richmond, Va., during the Civil War. She was drawn to Middlebury by the late Louise Roberts Avery '39 with whom she had been close friends since they were toddlers living next door to each other in New Haven, Conn. That friendship, and their love for Middlebury, endured a lifetime. In addition to her son, a daughter, a grandson, and several cousins attended the College. • **Martha Taylor Elliott** shared a Christmas 1943 story in the fall issue and here is a story from Christmastime 1944. "At our Friendship Club dinner at the church, five foreign servicemen came to tell us about Christmas in their home countries. There was a Norwegian flyer in the RAF, a private in the French army, a corporal in the Dutch army, a naval air cadet in the British navy, and an Australian pilot officer. The Australian's English was the hardest to understand! They came on the condition that no one would ask them questions about the war. The Australian started out by telling us that they celebrate Christmas for 12 days. Each succeeding speaker celebrated fewer days in his country than the speaker before, causing little murmurs of amusement that grew louder as they progressed. Finally one of our servicemen stood to tell them about ours and rather sheepishly mentioned we celebrate a day and a half, and that brought down the house! But the young man who made my day was the French private. The French word for Mass (as in the cathedral) is *la messe*. He was obviously aware of the similarity of the two words but not quite so sure of the pronunciation of our vowel. When he told us that his family attends midnight 'Mess' at Notre Dame Cathedral, he proudly annotated, 'The biggest Mess in all France.' That's when I nearly lost my calm, courteous demeanor! There was not so much as a small snort to be heard in the room and I was proud of us."

41 Correspondent **Margaret Shaub** reports: It was gratifying to receive so many responses to the letter and review I sent you regarding *Those Angry Days*, which spans the years 1939–1940, asking you to think back on how your own life was affected by the war. In fact there were so many responses we can't print them all in this issue but will save some for the next issue. Space does not permit a full quotation from every letter, so I have had to edit a bit. • **Wilton "Bud" Covey** wrote, "At Middlebury I remember President Moody's attempts in our daily chapel services to convince us that America should be supporting England in its desperate defense against Germany. My recollection is that his message was not enthusiastically received by the student body." Bud recalls he was a medical student at UVM when the news of Pearl Harbor came over the radio. "Our isolationism changed quickly to patriotism. All the medical students were taken into the Army as privates, first class. There was little complaining—after all, our tuition was being paid and we were receiving a small salary. We marched between classes and around town in formation, singing the songs of the various armed services. Along with our degrees we were handed commissions as officers in the Army Medical Corps. After brief internships and short medical military training at Carlisle Barracks, we were assigned to separation centers, the war being over by that time. I went to Fort Dix, N.J., and did discharge physicals on returning veterans. So my plans to enter medical practice were delayed by a couple of years—but I was very fortunate in never having to leave my family, go overseas, or be put in life-threatening situations." • **Sally Martenis Townsend** wrote from the home she shares happily with husband Ira '42 at Harvest Hill Apartment Complex in Lebanon, N.H. Following their marriage in July 1941, Ira flew for the Navy and Sally taught school. After the war they settled in Plainfield, N.H., where Ira taught math at Kimball Union Academy and stayed another 68 years! Sally commented, "Somehow the war didn't really do much for us and we did as usual. I know we lost friends and it was traumatic (think Edward Gignac '42). We're now fully retired and both kids live near so we see them a lot." • In a letter from his home in Charlottesville, Va., **Ralph Latham** reminded us that he left Midd after three years in order to attend Western Reserve Univ. Dental School. Immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he and the other students were told if they wanted to stay in school, they would be required to enlist in the Army or Navy. Ralph chose the Navy and graduated as a doctor of dental surgery in 1943. The next step was a dental internship at Grasslands Hospital, N.Y. Ten months into the internship, his naval orders arrived: he

had to report to Port Hueneme in Oxnard, Calif. This was a Navy Construction Battalion (CB) base where Seabees were trained to set up hospital units overseas. When the war was over, he was transferred to a WAVES separation center in San Francisco. • In her letter from Prescott, Ariz., **Frances-Jane "Jamen" Hayden Trask** recalled that husband John thankfully survived two-and-a-half years as a Navy pilot in the South Pacific, doing rescue work with a PBY squadron. Said Jamen, "I lived those years with my sister Marjorie, whose husband was in the European Theater as head of a MASH unit. As I recall, the late **Gerry Mosher Kister** and **Betty Stratton Loomis** and some others and I went to work for GE doing very menial stuff for the war effort. We leased a very old, bug-ridden apartment on the wrong side of Beacon Hill in Boston. Any of our male classmates who were being shipped out via Boston stopped in to see us, which made life less grim. All in all, I was fortunate to be able to live through those horrible war years without losing any family members. But all of us lost dear friends and lived in fear for those who were serving their country in strange places." As an update she added, "I am taking noncredit courses at the local community college to keep me busy. I've had to give up all my volunteer work due to hearing impairment but I am still driving and living alone." • Our classmate **Judd Hubert** offered a unique perspective. "I have read the review and several others of the book. At the time of these events, I was in favor of joining forces with Churchill. I spent only a single year at the College, 1940-41, as a senior majoring in French. I had a French baccalaureate and diplomas from the Université Libre de Bruxelles. As an expatriate who had spent the previous 11 years in Europe, I could not have chosen a more suitable college than Middlebury for my reintroduction to American life. Several of the courses had a lasting influence on me as a person and as a teacher. Jean-Claude Bourcier struck me as an ideal professor of literature whose example I have tried to follow. Because of my B classification, I had to wait until October 1942, when I was drafted. I served as an interpreter for French cadets until February 1946. While studying for a PhD at Columbia, I taught at the Merchant Marine Academy and at Rutgers. In 1950 I married Renée Riese and the following year, we both completed our doctorates. In 1956 I joined the Harvard faculty and the next year my wife was appointed as 'emergency instructor,' thus becoming the first woman to teach full time at that august institution. After a couple of other appointments, we retired as full professors from the Univ. of Calif., Irvine. Together, in 1999, we published *The Cutting Edge of Reading: Artists' Books*. I lost my beloved and delightful wife in 2005."

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42 I'm sorry, but I don't have much to report. I have had health problems ending in surgery, but I'm okay. It's just that at our ages recovery seems a little slow. • **Irv Senne** reports he keeps busy with his insurance surveys. During the summer he enjoys a swim every day. • I've enjoyed chatting with several of you the past two years. We remember Midd and our days there fondly, don't we? I always take pride when Middlebury is written up for some accomplishment, such as the Solar Decathlon house. They entered a second house this past fall in Irvine, Calif., and came in eighth place!

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43 Correspondent **Jean Jordan Sheild** reports: **Alice Landis Tonry** was just getting back from picking up some peaches at the grocery store when I called. Living in Hampton Falls, N.H., she is still driving her tractor. Her family gets together for meals and she does the dishes. The best part of working in her flower garden is having a gardener to dig the weeds. Daughter Abigail lives only a block away and helps occasionally. Alice remembers the wonderful Mountain Club hikes at Middlebury and invites classmates to come see her in beautiful New Hampshire. • I had a delightful chat with **Ann Cole Byington**, who's in Texas. They had a very hot summer in North Richland Hills, but she didn't go away all summer. Her daughter and husband had gone to Cape Cod with their two dogs in their motor home. Her son recently bought a new home in Austin, which is four hours away. She is well and her husband was hoping to start a men's choir this past fall. • In Centerville, Ohio, **Dorothy "Teddy" Hood Bittmann** is still living near her daughter, Nancy, who visits her several times a week. Daughter Jean and son Jim also visit from Michigan and Oklahoma. She is now a great-grandmother to two children and will have two new great-grandchildren soon. She is healthy physically, according to Nancy. She feels the best memories Teddy has are of Middlebury. • News about **Eleanor Reier Brown** came from her husband, Fielding, who reported she is cheerful but very forgetful. She is living in one of the White Oak cottages located on the same grounds as the retirement community where he is living, so he is able to see her every day. Their four daughters are scattered around the country but recently one of their daughters and her husband came to visit from Ohio, where they are both professors of psychology at Ohio State Univ. • **Betty Brigham Barrett** continues to enjoy life at Atria Crossroads in Waterford, Conn. Although she's in a wheelchair, she is involved in many activities and likes bridge best. Betty's daughter, Barbara '68, wrote that her mom recently met her newest great-grandson and experienced great joy holding the baby. • **Natalie Dane Richdale** continues to enjoy her home by the ocean in Kennebunk, Maine.

It's been in the family for four generations and still has a wood stove. When her children come to visit they collect wood from the beach nearby. Her son and daughter-in-law came from Indiana for a week last summer and another daughter again brought her book club to spend a week, so she was very happy to have a full house. Although Natalie still volunteers three days a week at the Brick Stone Museum when time permits, working on the computer to catalog information, her chief joy in life is the beautiful view of the ocean from her front window. • Great news came from **Gertrude "Scotty" Lacey Thornton**. Her Oriental brush painting students had an exhibit of their works in the art gallery of the atrium of her Fleet Landing retirement community from August 6 to September 3, the first time they've had their own exhibit. Her 10 students are all seniors, and they've been with her one year learning brush painting. Scotty attended her grandson's wedding in Kansas City last June and took a cruise from Baltimore to Maine and Nova Scotia in September. • Correspondent **John Gale** reports: I was sorry to miss reunion but illness prevented my attendance. Thank you to **Lois Groben Gilmore** and **Stu Walker** for filling in for me and filing a report about the weekend. • **Howie Friedman** reports he now has both chronic leukemia and Parkinsonism, both treatable, and his previously fractured hip now enables him to walk with ease; in the past he could walk 50 miles a day but now is limited to five. He says Daisy is well and they both continue to appreciate their Vermont neighbors. • **Warren Hassmer**, in his gardens in Truro, Mass., now emphasizes vegetables in addition to his usual perennials, chiefly growing them from seed but also adding tomatoes on grafted tomato plants for himself and his neighbors to enjoy. Green beans, carrots in tubs, and some strawberries have been added. He continues to host visits from various garden clubs. • **John "Red" Barmby** died on August 23 of Parkinsonism after spending nine weeks in the hospital, according to his wife Ellaveen. Red was one of the five-year Midd/MIT students, who upon graduation was immediately put to work solving various problems in the military. He was involved in studies on breaking the sound barrier in the '40s, development of the Navy's missiles in the '50s, and "going to the moon" projects in the '60s. Retiring in 1990, he set up a consulting practice, which gave him much-appreciated time to share his wife's gardening enthusiasm and expertise. Red seemed proudest of his leadership of a group of scientists to assess the cost-effectiveness of weapons systems; he felt that their recommendations to Congress saved hundreds of millions of dollars for the nation. • I also regret to report the death of **Harold Walch** on July 22 in Waldoboro, Maine, where he had lived for several years, next door to daughter Delia Mohlie '76. Harry majored in history and left early in 1943 to join the Navy, where he helped make history by participating in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Postwar, he became a seventh and

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eighth grade teacher of geography and earth science for 30 years. In 1948 he married Marie Billings and fathered two daughters. Retiring from teaching in 1976, he devoted the next six years to driving handicapped children to special programs in Maine. On phone calls for class news, he was always upbeat and an astute commentator about the Red Sox progress or lack thereof. A note of condolence has been sent to Delia on behalf of the class. • **Bud Nims** regrets that he was unable to make the 70th reunion. At 91 he continues working 22 hours a week at Wal-Mart. His walking is limited and he uses a scooter to get around the huge store to replace returned items and carry out other tasks. He continues to drive short distances daily and enjoys seeing his large family frequently.

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44 REUNION CLASS We received a wonderful, long letter from **Kurt “Kugy” Klein**, with memories of Middlebury and an update on what he has done since leaving. Since we’d like to use the whole letter, half will appear in this issue and half in the next. We hope it inspires other classmates to send us letters! Kurt writes, “I note in the most recent Class Acts that the Class of 1944 is seventh in the chronological order of vanishing congregations, seventh from disappearing altogether possibly. This is not a happy revelation, but it is an admonishment at least that if I’m ever going to write to you I’d better get on with it while there are still some of us left. I’ve never written to Midd, not once. I read what others write, but I’ve always been content to be the writee and not the writer. Perhaps it is simply my turn. I was in the Class of ’44 but a Midd person for only two years. I graduated from Case Western Reserve Univ. with a degree in civil engineering in 1949, transferring from Middlebury for reasons still unclear since I liked it there and looked forward to being one of its graduates. But, well, young people are allowed to alter their priorities willy-nilly from time to time. And here I am, long retired, still upright, but leaning. Here are some things I remember: I remember Professors Ben Wissler and Harry Goddard Owen ’23. Benny was my physics prof and he was the best teacher I ever had. He wanted his students to learn. I was what may be termed a not-very-intense student, and I always felt I was wasting his time, yet he still cared. H.G. taught a thing called the History of English Literature (or some such) and I’m not sure he cared a whit, but he sure was entertaining. His lectures were fast and difficult. I don’t remember reading anything in his class but we wrote a lot. Every homework assignment was a paper. I wrote 47 of them (I counted). The class rambled through art appreciation, philosophy, literary criticism, a little classical daydreaming on my part and, once in a while, some discussion about a

book. (It may have been *Beowulf*). If the class dawdled Prof. Owen moved it along with his imagination, never mind facts or syllabus. I also remember what must have been the third worst football team ever, the juggernaut of 1941. This might be explained by the fact that I played on it, and I say third worst because we won one and lost seven while the ’40 and ’42 teams both lost all eight. Who among you can recall the ’44s on the team? How about **George Harris**, **Michael Petropoulos**, **Art Pepin**, **John Urban**, **Bobo Sheehan**, **Harold Hollister**, and **Tom Rooney**. And me, 142 pounds of running punishment with a rushing average of around minus six yards per carry. I also remember the ‘Smoke Shop’ in Hepburn Hall. There were two bed/study rooms and in between a sitting room. The bedrooms were occupied by Harry Rossi ’43 and Pete Nikitas ’43, and the sitting room contained a Coke machine and some cigarettes and candy bars. I remember there was a sort of convenience store located near Main Street, close to Swanson’s, where a guy could buy nine bottles of beer for 99 cents. Can you imagine! Nine. And you still got a penny change from a buck. I remember the stillness of a Sunday evening on the climb up or down chapel hill, accentuated on a cold winter night by the squinch of snow under your boots. I remember that we wore presentable clothes to class: no backward caps, no tattoos, no lewd T-shirts. I remember we called our teachers by Mr. or Prof. or Doctor, never by a first name. My brother **Bob** and I lived on the first floor of Hepburn Hall. On one side of us were the other brothers in ’44, **Ferd** and **Lew Ensinger**, and on the other side lived **Joe Kissick**, who played trombone in the dance band. (What the heck was the name of that band?) **Lynn Sackett** ’49 lived in Hepburn and George Booth ’47, as well. I remember blue books and dances in the gym, where a lot of some colorless liquid got mixed in with Coca-Cola. (Do you suppose Deans Womack and Ross ever figured this out?) I guess this was all part of the Liberal Arts Experience. I remember **Hugh Taft** as an energetic cheerleader. He was great. There are lots of other memories, too, but these come to mind quickly so I suppose I saw (see) them as significant. It was a fine place to be, all us Depression babies hustling about to set things right (we didn’t) and make us a better world (is the jury still out on this?). Hello to all. **Keep moving and keep breathing—it’s important.** See ya at the UVM pep rally. Growl you Panthers, growl.” In the next issue, we’ll hear what Kurt has been doing since leaving Middlebury. • **Lee Jenkins Johnson** sent the sad news that **Shirley Earl Banta** passed away on August 18. “Shirley and I were roommates one year in the Château and remained friends all the years since then, so it is a great feeling of loss for me and for **Stod** because we often got together with the Bantas on trips between Toledo and our families on the East Coast. Shirley and Rob had a beautiful place in Cooperstown, N.Y. We also used to meet up with them at a favorite lodge in the Adirondacks—with

them and **Dot Ayers Ingalls** and husband Al.” Our class sends condolences to Shirley’s family.

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45 **Jessie Woodwell Bush** writes, “I turned 90 on June 1 and on that day greeted my first great-granddaughter, Amelia. I also entertained family at a table for eight, when I prepared the main meal, with help from my daughter. Things quickly turned worse and I found myself hospitalized for six days in June and again most of July, during which I had abdominal surgery. I’ll spare you the details but, after one month in the hospital and rehab, I joyfully returned home to our apartment on August 9. My husband has been a wonderful support throughout this difficult period. I’m still dealing with the aftermath of the surgery, but receiving good home-health care from nurses and therapists who come weekly. Things could be a lot worse and I’m grateful for every day that my husband and I still have each other, in moderately good health.” They were looking forward to an annual trip to Anna Maria Island at the end of October and to celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. • **Bob Brown** reports, “I’m just learning to use my new iPad, which is not so easy at age 90. I now understand the phrase ‘getting old is not for sissies.’ I saw **Don Gilmore** recently. He too is feeling his age but his wife Nicki is still going strong as is my wife Carol. I doubt if either of us will make reunion in 2015 but we all think fondly of Middlebury.” • **Betty Adell McCord** says, “Turning 90 happened to me on 7/7. My children really rounded up all my relatives, so it was a combination of family reunion and birthday; the happy note was that they all got along well while getting to know each other. (My three grandchildren were the ‘new’ part of the family reunion.)” • **Elaine King Dandh** sent sad news. “My husband, Kesari, died on June 2. We had 47 years of love and adventure, and I miss him. It is time to get rid of stuff. I will donate a collection of old Mexican masks to a local museum and sell the antiques we brought from India. Then I’ll leave my half-acre of Texas and move into a local community of the cared-for, where I will probably write a comic novel about us inmates. The good thing about this place is that it has an enormous pool where I can continue to swim laps and it has land where I can cultivate a garden. And yes, I am turning 90. It was inevitable, but I don’t believe it.” • **Jean Dunn Nagle** writes, “I’m just checking in to report that I made it to 90 in June. I’m still enjoying the lifestyle here at Linden Ponds in Hingham, Mass., leading the book group and reporting on its activities for our monthly magazine. Our Lifetime Learning classes start up soon and the monthly Ponderers Group keeps us busy trying to solve the world’s problems. Best of all are frequent visits from son Jim’s family, including

my first great-grandchild. Life is good!" • We are sorry to report the deaths of **Gordon Mathews** on June 29, **Kenneth Moore** on July 16, and **Priscilla "Pete" Hodges Heald** on September 11. • Yes, I, too, have joined the ranks of the 90-year-olds. Daunting, isn't it? I'm still swimming 30 laps daily and writing a weekly e-mail to "family and friends," and that's good news. Let's keep in touch. "**Mew**"

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46 Unfortunately I have not heard from very many of you recently and if I don't hear from you, I can't tell your classmates how you are. • **Lois Brigham Selnau** wishes to send a special thanks to all the wonderful classmates who faithfully helped with the annual giving goal for 2013. Our participation was 64 percent—49 of our 77 listed classmates helped the Annual Fund exceed their overall goal. She soon will be starting all over again and will be striving for 70 percent for 2014. Surely we can do that!

• **Jeanne "Pic" Picard Johnson** and husband Art were planning a trip to Killington to use a time-share week. While there, niece Gina and her husband were going to visit for a few days. Then Pic and Art planned to visit their old retirement home for a couple of days. She was hoping to visit the Midd art show. Pic is amused at the way the younger generation regards them. Gina talked with their son Lars and then reported to daughter Laura and then someone called to see if she and Art were behaving! Pic guesses they were worried that she and Art were planning to drive all the way, but they were flying to Burlington and picking up a car to visit with a bunch of old Vermont friends before hitting the center of the state. (I think it's called role reversal.) • **Ruth Riley Wendell** had a nice family weekend in NYC with daughter Phyllis '78, son-in-law Mike, grandson Will '11 (on internship in D.C.), and granddaughter Anna '14 (on internship in NYC). This was to celebrate Will's 25th birthday. Smiley says this is as exciting as it gets in her life, but it sure was fun. They had lunch with **Lucie Suter O'Brien**, who is retired from teaching Spanish and French at John Jay College in NYC. I had hoped to hear from Lucie but did not.

• **Joan Campbell Shaw** spent a week in Maine at the ocean on Drake's Island with most of her children and grandchildren. Then she had brief, but wonderful visits with "**Barc**" (**Betsy Barclay Wales**) and "**Flinkie**" (**Barbara Flink Ewels**). • Speaking of **Flinkie**, she had enough excitement for all of us. While she was at her computer, a young bear climbed up on her deck, right where one full bird feeder is located. She rushed 10 feet to the glass doors and screamed "go away," clapped, and picked up a deck chair and banged it running towards him. He (or she) looked meek and slowly backed down and **Flinkie** quickly ran in the house. She took a picture of him eating seeds on the ground to prove he

had been there. Well, apparently she didn't scare him enough because he came back on the deck again. She convinced him to back down a second time. With that she brought in both feeders. She says she has seen bears at her former house up the road and at her daughter Carolyn's house. Her daughter said if you bring the feeders in at night that is all that is necessary. Not true. That's why some people don't feed birds in the summer. I don't see chasing bears either. • **Louise Heald Aines** attended her grandson's high school graduation in Colorado. There were many people there, which was very pleasant for her. Louise had to go to Illinois to start the process of cleaning out that house so they can sell the property. (A note from one who has gone through this—it is quite a chore.) She sure misses her Ron, who handled things so easily and well. • As for your correspondent, I spent three months in the summer on Cape Cod in my 100-plus-year-old house filled with stairs everywhere. After being spoiled at my retirement village, I wasn't sure I would be able to do all the chores of cleaning, cooking, shopping, etc., but I managed very well. It was a great summer with family and friends. Here at the Village Retirement Community, I've been enjoying my fitness center, my aqua-cise class, aerobics, bridge, and many other activities. Write or give me a call (352.727.4555).

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47 I had a long telephone conversation with **Ruth Barber Toner**. She is "amazingly well" and when she went to the doctor's, he looked at her and said, "You don't have any wrinkles!" Ruth thinks that is due to a leprechaun in her family tree. She still lives with her son and his family and enjoys life with them and her two grandchildren. She reads a lot but confesses to sometimes getting a bit bored. • **Nancy Surtees McKenna** still lives in Leesburg, Va., with her son and his family. She's in good health and her five-year-old hips are just fine, so she gets around quite well, though she no longer drives. She joined a senior center where she started a Spanish conversation class and she's grateful for the insights about the language and culture gained from Prof. Rose Martin. She has also joined a tai chi class and volunteers at the library. Nancy has made a couple of trips to the Carolinas as well as to Pennsylvania to visit friends and to determine if she could fit into an assisted living lifestyle, should that prove necessary. Her grandson graduated from San Diego State this year and received his ROTC commission. His sister started her freshman year at LSU and another granddaughter will graduate this winter. • **Joyce Walsh Heath's** eight children and their families got together to celebrate her 88th birthday at the end of July. There were children, in-laws, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and they had a grand old time. Joyce took three classes at the Elderly

Services College in Middlebury during the summer—one on Italian immigrants in the U.S., a second on a Shostakovich symphony, and the third on arachnophobia/arachnophilia. She has always liked spiders so it was a "real treat to hold a very large, furry spider, which covered my hand, and to have a daddy longlegs crawl up my arms." Not everyone in the class was as enthusiastic as she. She very much enjoys living at the Lodge at Otter Creek. She teaches bone-builders exercise class every Friday morning and volunteers at the Sheldon Museum on Friday afternoons. She monitors the Lodge library on a daily basis to shelve books and keep it looking neat. In addition she still goes to Brandon Tuesdays and Thursdays to work in the listers' office. • **Carl Parkinson** and wife Helen went to Kanapoli, Maui, to celebrate their 64th anniversary in June. It was their fourth time in Hawaii but the weather this time was not good. The trade winds brought wind and spurts of rain the entire time. They also found that flying that distance was harder than before. Carl has had a few skin cancer surgeries since returning home, one of which will require skin grafting. He is sorry he missed our 60th reunion but travel has become increasingly difficult for them so they do less and less of it. • **Helen Prentice Theimer** has published the final book of her Vision trilogy. It is entitled *Meera's Second Life* and is published by Amazon, as were the first two books. The book follows the challenges of Meera's life after a near-death experience and focuses on her search for her true path and her reason for survival. Helen says we will recognize Middlebury in many ways as Meera relives her fictional college experiences: an original Old Stone Row, a library browsing room, a charismatic professor of American lit who just might be Doc Cook, and Robert Frost reading his poems in chapel. Now that the book is finished Helen is able to spend time working in her garden and cleaning her yard. They have had minor health problems but have enjoyed visits from friends and family. They plan to stay where they are as the very thought of moving is so daunting. She says she is getting her excitement vicariously through the imagined events of Meera. • **Jinny Stowell James** and her husband are still ticking, still busy, still in their house but trying to prepare it for eventual sale when that time becomes necessary. Her husband turned 103 in July and stills functions well. However, they did not follow their usual routine and spend the summer in their Maine cottage. They stayed in Northford, Conn., while their house was worked on. Fortunately for Jinny a friend who owns the cottage next to hers contacted her and asked if she would like to drive up to New Harbor. Jinny accepted with alacrity. Her daughter, Hillary, had opened the cottage 10 days previously when she and her husband arrived from Florida. Jinny spent four days with them and could totally relax before returning to her care-giving tasks. She sees her husband slowly fading and that is hard to watch and is both physically and emotionally exhausting. • **Bobbie**

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Bates Lauterwasser enjoyed a reunion with all 14 members of her immediate family, all of whom stayed with her for a week. They were lucky to have good weather so were able to enjoy outdoor games, horseshoes, tennis, and mountain climbing. Bobbie especially enjoyed their built-in choir at meal times. All four grandchildren are very musical as are their parents. In April they spent a week in St. Petersburg, Fla., with their son and daughter-in-law. They continue to enjoy life at Taylor community in Laconia, N.H. It's just an hour and a half from their families in the Boston area. Daughter Jill is the organist in Reading, Mass., at the OCC Church so the Christmas Eve service is special for them. • **Peggy Armstrong Igleheart** traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland, last May for a family celebration. Peggy's son, Kim, remarried a year ago last August at his vacation home in Lake Tahoe. It was a very private ceremony attended only by his children, the bride's mother, and Peggy. The bride's family is very Scottish and very clan minded. They wanted a family celebration in Scotland so they held a reception at the bride's sister's home, a beautiful Georgian house in the city bound by historical restrictions even to replacing the old windows with double-insulated glass. Even the interior decoration is subject to control but modern plumbing is permitted. The family then went to Gleneagles for a few days of golf and a formal dinner complete with men in kilts. Luckily Kim is accepted in this milieu because Peg's father was of Scottish descent. One of the aunts even investigated the clan. Bride and groom are now back home in Seoul, South Korea. Three weeks later Peggy traveled to Midland, Mich., to meet her first great-grandchild. • **Valerie Williams Burkig's** major health problem is arthritis, which limits her motion, makes her fingers and arms weak, and makes her move slowly. She reads a good deal and listens to recorded books. She is a fan of *The Great Courses* and usually has some of them around. The big change in her life is that husband Jack had a major stroke last January and died a few days later. He had never completely recovered from a stroke he suffered nine years ago and the last two years his mind had gone. While they grieved for the man he had been, they were glad it was over for him.

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48 Correspondent **Elizabeth Bredenberg Ness** reports: Several of you have responded to our pleas for news—many thanks! **Patricia Cole Vinther**, who lives in Washington State, sang with her church choir in Carnegie Hall and Westminster Abbey. She regretted that she could not join us at reunion, but she *was* on campus in 1982 with her dad for his 60th reunion. • **Else Theisen Waller** keeps busy with her computer, puttering in the yard, and reading quite a bit, and she is a lector in her church.

• **Eleanore Herchet Regenthal's** husband died at Christmastime 2011 but she feels blessed with her large and close family (13 grands and seven great-grandchildren). Traveling, reading, bridge, and bowling keep her busy. • **Char Hoose Murphy** has a granddaughter working on her master's and a great-granddaughter who has graduated from high school and is going to the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y. Char is still gardening and is treasurer of four organizations. • **Pat Malone Bothwell** and husband attended a six-day workshop on Romantic musicians in Baltimore last March. Traveling also took them to New Hampshire, Colorado, the Adirondacks, and Hilton Head. • **Pat Martin Struglia**, in her travels to Egypt, did not ride on a camel but did have a balloon ride over the Valley of the Kings. • **Ann Ryder Townsend**, who used to live in Hawaii, now lives in Vancouver, Wash., which apparently brings her closer to her family on the West Coast. • **Nancy Bushnell Taylor** has loved living in her little house in New Hampshire for the past 22 years, especially with her sister, Mary Ellen '57, next door. Nancy keeps busy with church and community—volunteering and Bible study and visiting family in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Jersey. • Frank and **Joan L'Episcopo Muset** are celebrating their 65th anniversary this January. They moved into a retirement community several years ago and continue to take courses. • **Mary Lee Huff** made a move in September 2012 to a continuing care community in Davis, Calif. • Now on to Hawaii where Tom '49 and **Jan Hubbard Metcalf** have lived since the early '50s. They have granddaughters in California, Washington, Wisconsin, and Indiana. Their two grandsons are surfers who win contests regularly. • **Tom Johnson** has contributed a boxed edition of *An Interview with Henry David Thoreau*, a filmstrip and record he developed for high school use. It was published by Scott Foresman in 1964 with Hans Conreid impersonating Thoreau. Tom and family are still in Addison, Vt., and he gets over to the College for art shows, music, and women's hockey games. • Bruce and **Nancy Leach Ward** live in Williamsburg, Va., in a retirement community, which keeps them busy. Nancy is a Master Naturalist and avid bridge player. • **Carolyn Widegren Milley** still spends summers in Ocean Park, Maine, and then goes "south" for the winter exactly three miles down the same beach. (This reminds me of my parents, who lived in North Hero, Vt., on Lake Champlain in the summers and went "south" to Montpelier when it started to snow.) • Correspondent **Sandy Rosenberg** reports: With son Nathan leading the way, Rita and I attended the Team Insite reception in Irvine, Calif., on Columbus Day. Insite was the solar house Middlebury entered in the Solar Decathlon this past fall. There was excellent conversation about the College and the project with a mix of students, alums, faculty, and administration—best I've ever had. We visited Insite in Irvine City Park. The display was well attended. The Middlebury students did the College proud.

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49 REUNION CLASS Correspondent **Rachel Adkins Platt** reports: Ma Bell was a great invention. I had a delightful day catching up with fellow classmates. Here are the interesting folks I talked to. First was **Cornelia "Kenny" Higley Seidel** in Gladwyne, Pa. She is living in a lovely retirement community and doing very well. Through the years she was drawn to the counseling field, having spent some years counseling students at the Univ. of Pennsylvania, and at the age of 50 went back to school, where she earned a master's in psychological counseling. (Just as an aside, she and I agreed that we had a common interest as I went back at age 60 and also received a degree in counseling. We both had minister fathers, which must have rubbed off on us.) She said that her husband died of Alzheimer's 10 years ago and she has found that running a support group for Alzheimer's patients and families has been very rewarding. She enjoys swimming and keeps her mind active. We talked of **JoAnne "Jac" Elliott Pillsbury**, who was a very close college friend throughout the years. Kenny has not heard from her in some time. Anyone who has any news of her please pass it on to me by e-mail. • My next call was to **Catherine "Cathy" Grusauski Fagan**. She lives in South Orange, N.J., in the same home she and her husband shared for many years. He died in 1994 of cancer, and they had many happy years together. They never had any children but have many nieces and nephews, who she continues to see as well as siblings. She regaled me with many stories of her growing up years in Kent, Conn. One in particular was that she lived on a dairy farm and they had only an outhouse beyond the barn. They also had two dogs as part of the family. When anyone came to visit and needed the outhouse, the dogs would dutifully lead the person out behind the barn to it. They would remain there and then escort the visitor back to the family to continue their visit. (No one had ever trained them to do that.) We always say "man's best friend," and surely that is true in this case. • I also had a great time talking about our college years with **Winifred "Winnie" Anthony Stearns** in Hanover, N.H. I still remember when she and her twin sister arrived on campus to start their junior year. They immediately became an active part of the college scene and were well liked by all. When I called, Winnie was out swimming in the Dartmouth College pool so we did not connect until evening. She says the pool is wonderful as no joints ache there. She also talked about how much she enjoys watching the football team at Dartmouth practice. Her oldest grandson was on the team there and she always enjoyed going to the games. He has now graduated (summa cum laude) in engineering and lives in San Francisco. Both of her children live



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on the West Coast—her son in the San Francisco area and her daughter and family in Seattle. We discussed our upcoming 65th reunion and hoped many of us can attend. • Thanks for **Anne Teague Chadwick's** e-mail sharing her news and life. Sadly her husband, **Bob Chadwick**, passed away last November after a wonderful 62-and-one-half years! She says, "Bob and I met on Bread Loaf Mountain (on a Mountain Club hike). He was a returned veteran, a Vermonter, a widower, and father of a toddler. He was a physics major and originally a member of the Class of '45 before he left for the army. We married two years later. We did all the things we ever dreamed of: raised five wonderful children, participated in the space program for 10 years (Bob working on the moon landing with G.E., a contractor with NASA), were active in churches, and eventually had a small cattle ranch in Dayton, Texas, outside of Houston. I used my Middlebury degree for an eventual career as a preschool teacher. In our days at Middlebury there was no such thing as a child development degree or even a child psychology degree—so I was a psychology major and they let me practice teach in the town elementary school. My roommate, **Barbara Earling Lindeberg**, suggested that maybe that was what interested Bob, with his little Judy in mind! Maybe so." She has lots of family gatherings with her children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. All of her great-grandchildren are Texans, two near her in Giddings, where she now lives, and one in Fort Worth, who was born in June. "My health is good, even though I'm quite sedentary. I read in *Middlebury Magazine* about classmates hiking and being very active, and I think they learned something at Middlebury about growing old that I didn't learn. But, I LOVE to read, to cook, and be with family." • Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: When I phone classmates that I knew 64 years ago I always wonder if they will remember me. **Duncan Law** did and so did his wife **Connie (Kelly)**. We spent about 15 minutes on the phone and I enjoyed every minute of our conversation. Duncan told me that he and Connie were married right after graduating and have lived in the same house in West Newbury, Mass., ever since. They are both in good health and are most grateful that Connie is recovering well from a fall. During earlier years they traveled extensively throughout the States and in Europe. They also played lots of golf and often skied. He retired from his position as a salesman with the Randolph Products Company in 1999. They have two children—Duncan Jr. '77 and a daughter who, after graduating from the Univ. of Maine, is now working on her PhD. They also have two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I was particularly impressed with Duncan's great sense of humor—throughout our conversation he made amusing quips about getting old and the fact that they know few of their neighbors whereas many of their neighbors know them because they have lived there so long. Just before our conversation ended

Duncan remarked about how much he enjoyed his years at Middlebury and I can make the same claim. • I had a nice talk with **Harold Suresky**, who has been spending summers in Goshen, N.Y., with wife Helen and winters in Naples, Fla. While still at Middlebury, he was called into the service and spent three years in the army, serving most of his time in occupied Germany. He was discharged in 1947 as a sergeant and returned to Middlebury to complete his degree. After graduating he decided to remain in his hometown of Goshen and join his father's automobile dealership. Harold took over the business after his father died in 1960 and was instrumental in the development of the company, which grew from a small dealership to one that now employs 113 people and is the recipient of many awards for their sales, service, and overall customer satisfaction. Harold is optimistic that with their 100th anniversary coming up in 2016 there will be a fourth generation joining the legacy that he, his father, and now a son have established in that community. An interesting article appeared last May in the Goshen newspaper, telling how Harold had been named Grand Marshal of the Goshen 2013 Memorial Day Parade because of his many contributions to the community. Harold and Helen were married in 1952 and raised three children—Suzanne, Peter, and Joseph. Their children have given them seven grandchildren. Harold told me that they were planning to retire in Naples and live in an independent living residence. He says their health is good and he keeps up with Middlebury news.

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50 Correspondent **Jinny Orrall Albert** reports: **Joan Metzger Brisbin** was my freshman-year roommate. We were in home ec together and the Homestead. She left Midd after junior year to marry her Dartmouth grad "catch." They settled in Huntington, W.V., for almost 60 years. When Lany turned 80, he built them a lovely new house in Maryland near daughter Alana. I heard about this by Christmas cards. My last card was in 2011. Her daughter was about to move to Australia! Another news item about Joan is her tennis proficiency. She is in a group of older ladies who have traveled together to Germany to compete and win tournaments. Also, she has a very handsome grandson who graduated from Annapolis and serves on a submarine. • I had my first success with a phone call! **Anne Meyer Marshall** lives in Truro, Mass., on Cape Cod. She volunteers at their local library and goes to land exercise, including balance classes and dance routines three days a week. She and Alec '51 have a vegetable garden, which creates lots of work, canning, pickling, and preserving. They go to Melbourne, Fla., from November to April 1. Their son lives in the Virgin Islands, and they have spent

Thanksgiving with him for 35 years! For their 50th wedding anniversary, they went to Scotland and they are dreaming of a future trip to Ireland. Thank you, Anne, for taking my call. • I have heard from **Jackie Brooks Davison** for many years at Christmas. She sold a large house in New England and moved to Gainesville, Fla., to be near her post-teen grandchildren. She is very passionate about politics and travels the world. • **Ed Harter** sent word that wife Noreen died on July 11, 2012, from mantle cell lymphoma. They had been together 25 years and had married on August 27, 2011. Our class sends its sympathy. He hopes to visit soon with Middlebury friends.

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51 Happy New Year to you all. Since **Phyllis Cole Deming** (with help from **Bill**) wrote about us for five years, now it's time to focus on her. Phyllis was featured in the *Shelburne News* recently in the "People of Shelburne" article. Phyllis and Bill moved to Shelburne, Vt., in 1953 and have been very active in town activities. Bill is a member of Rotary, chaired the bicentennial celebration, was volunteer fireman, etc. Phyllis canvassed for every health drive, helped integrate the private kindergarten to the public school system, and started the hot lunch program, among other activities. In 1967 Phyllis started the *Shelburne News*. "I started it because nobody knew what was going on in town." She also became a teacher's aide in three different kindergarten classes, and owned and managed a bookstore. She did all this while raising four wonderful children. "We didn't have daycare, we had each other." She now hosts twice a month at the Charlotte Senior Center and has taught vignette writing classes, and she loves to sit down to write brief, evocative stories. Her life philosophy is "Life is too short to be bound by shoulds. There are no have-tos. I tell myself that today I am going to." Bill was also a town selectman for 24 years until he chose not to run again, was a founding member of the Shelburne Rotary Club, and persuaded the then selectmen to honor Shelburne's bicentennial and was chairman of the blockbuster weekend, which included the presence of England's Earl of Shelburne. Phyllis and Bill enjoy vacationing on Cape Cod as well as at their camp on Lake Champlain. They enjoy the peacefulness watching the sailboats come and go. They also attend Alumni College and strongly recommend it. This year they and **Will Jackson** represented the Class of 1951. Phyllis took the course on *Moby Dick* (was the instructor as passionate as Prof. Cook?) and Bill studied Lake Champlain on the new Middlebury research vessel. • **Barbara Pike Prinn** enjoyed a wonderful family reunion in July. The "star" was her six-month-old grandson. Other grandchildren included Heather (40)

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and three great-grandchildren. For Barb the most wonderful thing about Middlebury is that she met and married husband Ron '52 there. Other great things are the education and the physical beauty. She continues to enjoy life at Heritage Heights Retirement Community in New Hampshire, where there are lots of activities, good friends, and a fine local church. • **Alec Marshall** writes, "Anne and I continue to be living the dream." They met 65 years ago at Middlebury and besides each other they have the love and support of children and grandchildren. They recently had a reunion of over 30 family and extended family. They still see and enjoy former students, who are now in their 70s. While golfing the son of the late **Paul Smith** yelled hello to Alec from across the golf course. Alec and Anne are hoping to visit Ireland with their children and spouses. They ask if anyone has suggestions for any must-see attractions. • **Scott Buzby** wrote that they are planning to sell their home in Nova Scotia and move to Vermont! Their primary residence is in Florida, however. • **Betty Woods Gale** and Ken '50 and **Carolyn Sackett Coleburn**, along with Jim and **Barb Lukens Calkins**, met for their annual summer luncheon in Montpelier, Vt. They always enjoy this chance to get together and get caught up, but they do miss the late Dave '50 and **Mary Krum Dale**. Betty did get a chance to get to Middlebury to see the Edward Hopper exhibit of his Vermont watercolor paintings. • From far western Canada word came from **Joan Macklaier Birkett**. She had googled **Gretchen Storer Evans** and they recalled fond memories of skiing together along with the late **Margy Packard Ramsay**. Joan keeps busy as the secretary on the council board of the 18-unit complex where she lives. She continues to learn new skills. That's what keeps you young, Joan. • From across the pond in England, **Gretchen Reger Mason** writes that she enjoys a book club, film club, volunteering, and a continued interest in an unusual forgotten 19th-century garden, which was rediscovered in 1980. She had a visit from a New York State nephew and took him to some special places like Sutton Hoo (where an intact Saxon ship burial was found), Canterbury Cathedral, and the lost grave of Pocahontas. • Things are going well for **Bill Stewart** and wife Peggy. Their grandsons are fine young men. One is at Point Loma Nazarene Univ. in San Diego, and the other is entering the Univ. of California, Davis, which is not far from San Rafael, where Bill and his wife live. Bill expressed his sadness at the news of the death of **Neil Myers**. He recalled that he and Neil spent the summer of 1938 at a camp on Gardener Lake in Connecticut. They were Theta Chi brothers at Midd and roommates with **Jeff Francisco** during their senior year. We join Bill in expressing our sadness and our condolences to Neil's family and friends. • We are also sad to report the death of **Myron Hunt**. **Bob Bigelow** was a longtime friend of Myron's. They met in their early days at Middlebury, playing football. They both married while in college and have been close friends over

the years. Our condolences to the family and friends of Myron. • We also learned of the death of Persis Luke Loveys '53, wife of **Ralph Loveys**. Our sympathy to Ralph and the family and friends of Persis. • I (**Lee**) hope you all enjoy reading all of the interesting articles in the *Middlebury Magazine*. We are lucky to have such a fine magazine to keep us in touch with our alma mater. • We wish you good health, happiness, and peace—and don't forget to correspond!

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52 Correspondent **Chuck Ratté** reports: As I sit here at my computer in early September writing a report for the coming winter issue, wildfires are raging in several Western states, where several classmates now reside. It seemed to me there may be concern for the welfare of our former brethren. So I sent queries to classmates in Idaho and California wondering if they have, or anyone they know has, been affected by the disaster. A letter came from **Jim Cooley**, who lives in Troy, Idaho, a considerable distance from the fires in Sun Valley, which said fires in Idaho are always a possibility. He has made extensive and *hopefully* preventative measures just in case his home becomes endangered by fire. These include metal roofing and cement boarding on his home as well as a broad open space around the house and plenty of fire insurance. He added an additional update: he got his PhD in 1958 from the Univ. of Minnesota followed by teaching at the Univ. of Idaho until 1992. He has kept in touch with **Don Beck** and **Charlie Archibald**. A bonus photo of Jim and wife Zoe was included on the letterhead—you're both looking good! • A thoughtful e-mail came from **Charlie Archibald** thanking me (as the representative for '52) for concern for the residents of California who have lost their homes or even their lives as a result of the fires. His location, luckily, has been spared from the fires and he has not even experienced an earthquake in the eight years he has lived in California. He considers his location as a small part of heaven with no winter and no hot summers. At 88 he has settled in for the duration. • **John** and **Barbara "Bobbie" Becker Taylor** and their children live within 60 miles of the Pacific Coast in cities far from the raging fires. However they have friends who received evacuation orders. They were also concerned about Berkeley's water supply as 85 percent of it comes from a reservoir near one of the fires and they were afraid run-off from fall and winter rains might contaminate it. • Correspondent **Barbara Cummiskey Villet** reports: At this stage we seem to mix the good with the not-so-good news as this column will reflect. On the good side, **Sally Baldwin Utiger** and **Lee McGowan Allison** took Northeast Rail to Alexandria, Va., for a mini-reunion with their longstanding pals, **Jean**

Vaughan Varney and **Louise Erb Mayr**. Jean reports that once the New England contingent arrived, they took off sightseeing in the District and Old Town Alexandria. Then they had a posh lunch at the Trump National Country Club in Potomac Falls, in Loudoun County, where Louise joined them. Three happy days together confirmed the old connections from Middlebury. • Jean also reported that earlier on, **Barbara Bieber Zeiller** had come to Washington and they had gone together to the old Merriweather Post estate at Hillwood. Barbara stayed for a needlework exhibition, but Jean, always busy, demurred. Jean will have completed a visit Paris as you read this, the fifth or sixth trip to Europe with the same group but her first to Paris. • **Joyce Rohr** was back in Colorado for a grandson's graduation but has been largely absorbed with moving herself and husband Olfert from their home of several decades into a new condo overlooking Copenhagen. It was one of those moves that required facing collections going back half a century—and thinning same. They did it. Congratulations! • **Shirley Herrman Andrews** was in touch with an update on her busy life. "In 2009 we sold our big Concord, Mass., house of 45 years and bought a condo in Tucson, Ariz., and a condo in Concord, in which an unfinished basement was filled with stuff from the big house until given away or sold. Then in 2012 we bought a smaller condo, also in Concord, where we're very happy. We spend the winters in Tucson with plenty of room for visitors. I have one flute student and am involved in radio programs and fan mail re my books—*Atlantis: Insights From a Lost Civilization* and *Lemuria and Atlantis: Studying the Past to Survive the Future*. In April I'll be the keynote speaker at a conference at the Association for Research and Enlightenment in Virginia Beach. Bill and I attended Alumni College in August, where we really had a wonderful time—excellent food, lots of interesting people, terrific classes, and good weather for hiking. But sadly, no one else from '52." • And now to the not-so-good news. I finally reconnected with **Bunny Wells Frisbie**. The disconnect was because she and husband Dean had moved from their home in San Francisco to their second home near their winery in Spring Valley. I got Dean on the phone first and he reported that Bunny has developed memory problems. But when he put her on the phone, she immediately remembered me and Middlebury—good, old memories stay strong with us it seems. She complained of a bad hip, which Dean confirmed, and problems keeping track of things, but it was nice to think she was pleased to recall those earlier happy days at college. When I sent her an embrace over the phone it was returned. • Correspondent **Mary Halsted Francoeur** reports: **Mardy Peck Burgess** and longtime companion Al Brown took a Lindblad/National Geographic cruise around the Baltic Sea. They stopped in Holland, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Sweden, and Denmark. A high point of the trip was when Lech Walesa, former president of Poland and

winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, came to their ship and talked to their group about Poland's struggles with the USSR and the importance of the European Union and NATO. A few weeks after that trip they took a family trip on a barge in France. Luckily the other members of the family did all of the hard work so the older folks could rest. • I also talked with **Jackie Johnson Betterley**. After college she worked as a lab technician at Mass General Hospital and also at Arthur D. Little. Jackie has lost her husband and a son, and now lives close to her daughter in Richardson, Texas. When her husband was alive, they spent a lot of time hunting in Vermont. They hunted with bows and arrows and on one trip, there were 13 men and she was the only woman and only one to get a deer. She did it with one perfect shot! She doesn't hunt anymore, but her dog is an English pointer.

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53 I returned from our 60th reunion to learn that I was the new class correspondent. Are you kidding? Both **Link Furber** and **Roger May** are trained and experienced journalists! From Columbia, no less. And **Janet Bradley Harris** will be a hard act to follow. On short notice I will give it a shot, but I don't expect it to be easy. • The 50th reunion had a huge turnout but the 60th, not so much. Lots of people we hoped to see were not there, so in the year to come I will try to track some of you down and share what information I get as best I can. Some of you may recall that 40 or 50 years ago we had a newsletter. The Alumni Office sent out cards to you, which if filled out, came to me as secretary with the news of those days—new jobs, new children, new addresses, and all that. I typed up a summary that the College mimeographed and mailed out. Yes, it was that long ago. While technology has advanced marvelously, our numbers have dwindled and our news is more sedate, sometimes sad. Still, I hope people will check in with whatever is going on: cruises, grandkids' accomplishments, reunions, golf scrambles, Nobel prizes, whatever. • I won't reprise the reunion, but I do have a few updates about some of the missing persons. **Link Furber's** reunion walk in the rain to the Château reception (great music by **Biffy Darling Sherburne** and **Peggy Schlumpf Lambert**) led to a hard cold, early departure, and a bout of pneumonia. I'm happy to report that he recovered nicely and is back at his place on the rockbound coast of Maine, contemplating new projects. • **Bill and Jan Schongar Wagner** moved from their New Hampshire dream house to Chagrin Falls, Ohio, to be near their son and grandkids. We dropped in on them on our way to and from reunion since they could not make it. Jan

gave us a lovely brunch before we hit the road again. Their new condo is splendid—two stories, an elevator, and a pretty private garden. And on our return stop we found them still aglow from their own grand reunion of all the Wagner clan. [Ed. note: *Sadly, we learned at press time that Bill Wagner passed away on November 28. We send our condolences to Jan and his family.*] • **Nana Dean Kennedy** and husband Dick were not able to make the 60th since one of their many grandchildren had a high school graduation that was not to be missed. She and Dick spent the rest of the summer enjoying their largish family at their lakeside home in Omena, Mich., right on Grand Traverse Bay. Dick is still pushing real estate while Nana grooms more grandchildren for college. One down, eight to go. • Not to be outdone, **Ginny Reynolds Rowe** keeps up with 17 grandchildren. So far, she's in the lead for the Mother Hubbard prize. During the summer, she shoehorns the whole family, 33 in all, into their summer place on the Cape, which leaves little time for class reunions. She and husband Dee '52 have visited Middlebury whenever Dee gives a J-term course on sports issues. Dee was instrumental in building Connecticut's successful basketball program and, though retired, is still much involved, thereby, as Ginny puts it, "avoiding all home repairs." Travels, not surprisingly, have included trips to the London Olympics and to the Final Four in New Orleans to watch UConn's basketball warriors win all the gold. In winter Ginny uses up her spare time taking courses at the university, volunteering as an ambulance driver, sort of, and enjoying, she says, "a very good life." • On a more somber note, I received notice of the passing of **Dave Parker**, no relation, but a friend in our Starr Hall freshman gang. In his life summary for the 50th reunion, Dave wrote of his three dreams: to live in his grandparents' house in Vermont, to travel everywhere, and to be a pilot. After marrying his sweetheart Carol in their sophomore year and graduating from Middlebury, he succeeded famously in fulfilling all three. Well done, Dave. Our condolences and best wishes to the family. • That's it for now. The **Bob Parkers** are still lucky to be surviving retirement in Ohio, with occasional junkets to New England or Florida. All is well, for now. Let me hear from you so I can share what you are up to with those that are still with us. We must all ponder the question put by Mr. Frost's ovenbird: "The question that he frames in all but words/Is what to make of a diminished thing." —Class Correspondent: *Robert Parker* (nrpark@earthlink.net), 1003 Fruitland Rd., Springfield, OH 45503.

54 **REUNION CLASS** **Bill Skiff** agrees that it's sad to see so many of our classmates passing on. "It seems to be happening all around us. I remember sitting in the balcony of the chapel during our senior year and looking down on the 60th reunion class and thinking, 'Man do those people look old.' Next year I am going to look up at the

balcony and say, 'Congratulations, you have your whole life ahead of you and if you can sit down here where I am at your 60th reunion, you can consider yourself fortunate.' So far I have been lucky health-wise. I still ski, work at Bolton Valley on weekends, play tennis a couple times a week, ride my bike, and kayak the beautiful lakes of Vermont. Two years ago the editor of our local paper asked me if I would write a column about growing up in Vermont. I've been having fun with it and I now appear in four local papers. My last column was called, 'I Rode the Tie.' It was about our fraternity party on the Tie in 1954. It was a dinner and dance moonlight cruise. What fun. I recently had nice conversations with **Arne Heggen**, Bruce Byers '55, and **Ferd Wyckoff**. It was nice to hear their voices again. The other day I ran into a man who said he was 2,000 years old and was one of the first men to graduate from Middlebury College. If our class would like, I could try to find him again and see if he would agree to address our class at our 60th reunion dinner. Let me know, as he may be hard to find again. Take care and see you in 2014!" • **Shep Huntley** writes, "I've been a Greensboro, North Carolinian since 1974. I don't do much due to age and health issues but several years ago I wrote a book, *There Was a Great Golfer From...*, which is a book of 900 limericks about golfers from 18 communities within each state and Middlebury is included. I have sold several hundreds at arts and crafts shows where my creative wife, Betty, sells her painted wine glasses and sewing creations." Shep sent me (**Nancy**) a copy of his very amusing book, which I promised to bring to reunion. Speaking of our 60th reunion, please save the dates June 6–8 for a trip back to your past and join your classmates on our gorgeous campus to celebrate friendship, longevity, learning, and life in general! If you would like to be part of this reunion, and I do hope many of you will be, contact Ian McCray in the Alumni Office to express your willingness to help (imccray@middlebury.edu or 802.443.5443). Please join us for a beautiful June weekend and contribute generously to our class gift!

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55 Correspondent **Sally Dickerman Brew** reports: We sometimes hear about our classmates' life work after they have died. **Bruce Byers**, who lives near Middlebury, sent a note about **Jerry Trudeau**, who died in September. He said that Jerry's son, Mark, helped Bruce and the local Habitat for Humanity on a project. A few weeks later, Bruce and **Sue (Heyer)** were at an alumni lunch and Jerry sat down next to them and they really got caught up. Jerry obviously was then suffering from the cancer he died from shortly thereafter but he did not let on at all. Jerry gave the College the Maple Manor Motel property—a valuable property of 30 acres. Jerry, as written in his obituary, specialized in civil litigation,

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real estate, and business law. He also spent hundreds of hours over the course of his law career on an unpaid/pro bono basis. He was an independent and nonpolitical advocate (ombudsman) for local and state civic betterment. He had a profound interest in the unification of Vermont courts and in the reform of the Vermont judicial system. Unfortunately most of us were unaware of the contributions Jerry was making in his lifetime in Middlebury and Vermont. • Another one of our classmates, **Malcolm Davidson**, died in September. **John von Hartz** wrote the following about Malcolm: "One of my roommates in college, Malcolm was a sharp, funny buddy who didn't talk a lot (unlike me), but when he spoke he was usually on target. His sly humor was evident in offbeat ways. A gifted athlete, he regularly beat me in tennis. Once when I was leading and serving for the set he called across the net to me, 'You are all wrapped up in your own inadequacies.' Of course I double faulted and eventually lost the set. A voracious reader, not always of college textbooks, he often surprised with his breadth of knowledge. He was a steady friend and great roommate. A solid citizen in every way." • Alumni College once again brought together 16 of our classmates. Linda and **Frank Punderson** started the weekend with a lively dinner for our classmates and their spouses the night before at their lovely home in Cornwall. **John Field** wrote the following about his experience at Alumni College. "As usual Alumni College was a wonderful opportunity to gain intellectual stimulation, provided by several of Midd's outstanding professors, as well as enjoy camaraderie, great accommodations, and wonderful cuisine. In addition to the structured schedule, classmates amused themselves with extracurricular activities. During periods between classes, **Judy Zecher Colton**, **Junie Stringer DeCoster**, **Nancy Walker Faulkner**, **Scotty MacGregor Gillette**, **Kathy Hughes von Hartz**, and **Mary Lou King Wollmar** could be found on the porch of Maple Cottage, engaged in a very serious bridge game. In an entirely different venue, **John von Hartz** provided his annual tennis lesson to **Bruce Byers** during a hotly contested doubles match, along with **George Limbach**, **Scotty Gillette**, **Charlie Grigg**, a friend, and **Maevie Field**, wife of John. On several occasions, John von Hartz quipped that the placement of the tennis net, which impeded his ferocious forehand shot, was either not at the proper height or misplaced on the court. John also remarked, after several missed overhead shots, that several years ago, when he was three inches taller, he would have made a perfect shot. Such is the plight of 80-year-olds participating in athletic events. • **David Bridges** and wife Nancy have been regulars at Alumni College. They live now on a small lake just west of Green Mountain College. David has been retired for a number of years from the Hackley School in Tarrytown, N.Y., where he started out as a theater instructor and became assistant headmaster. During the 39 years that he was there, he saw

great growth in numbers and prestige in the school. • After Alumni College I (**Sally**), with husband Dave, had the opportunity to visit **Judd Colton** on her wonderful farm in Dorset, Vt. While at Middlebury, the farm was her home. Her father bought the farm and moved his family from New York when Judd was a teenager. She now lives on the farm in summer in the original farmhouse. For Judd's 80th birthday, her five children planned a surprise birthday on the farm, complete with a band, banners, games, and dancing. With her entire family there and many friends, Judd celebrated her 80th birthday in style. • Once again, **George Limbach** is organizing a Middlebury '55 February ski week in Vail. All classmates are invited whether you ski or not. Contact George if you wish to join this sprightly group. • **Jerry** and **Gretchen Rath Doolittle** are still living in West Cornwall, Conn. Their granddaughter Bethany is a starting player for the Univ. of Iowa basketball team. Jerry is "reviving" his six mysteries about Tom Bethany, "one time political operative, Air America pilot, and college wrestler who lives in Cambridge." You can Google "Jerome Doolittle Bad Attitudes" and see Jerry's views on the passing scene and more about his other books.

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56 We sent out a note looking for news and, quick as a wink, it came right in. **Jack McDermott** wanted his classmates to know that he'll be joining the ranks of the retired—but not quite yet—not till May 2016. An auspicious year: 60 years after graduating from Middlebury; 50 years after getting his law degree; and the year his youngest daughter graduates from that other New England liberal arts college—the one south on Route 7 in Massachusetts. He's on a three-year "glide path" to retirement—fewer classes (which is nice) and less pay (which isn't). But he still gets to travel for Moot competitions—at the Law School's expense. He's been to Bali and Singapore and will be going to Sapporo, Japan. • **Ron Potier** writes, "Had a wonderful weekend at Alumni College, where I studied geography, of all things. I recommend it highly. Hope to repeat the experience next year." • **Fred Parsons** writes, "We are residents of Grantham, N.H., on Stocker Pond except in January through April when we are in Sedona, Ariz. I did industrial/resale instructional design all my working career and I also did ski patrol work for 30 years. I was at the Army Pictorial Center in Long Island City for my active duty two years. I got an MBA from Northeastern. Wife Nan enjoys both oil painting and watercolors. Our oldest child is a boy working in the Internet/dot.com business. At age 43 my oldest daughter just graduated in July from Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and was with a medical group in

Africa for a month. Our youngest daughter designs uniforms for the Army and has given us two grandchildren, boys ages 9 and 5, who keep us on our toes. If anyone is visiting Sedona from January–April and needs some info about the area, you can contact us via my website (www.parsonsprints.com)." • Sad news came from **Mary Anne Thorne Lewis**: "Alan and I moved to California in June 2012 to be at a lower elevation and to be close to my daughter Tracy. I'm so sad to say that Alan died on January 1, 2013. We had 19 wonderful years together. Here is my new address: 5540 W. 5th St. Oxnard, CA 93035." • **Ron Lawson** writes, "I attended a reunion in D.C. with Army buddies from that secret world of Army Intelligence. I was invited to speak at the luncheon at Fort Myer, Va., and was honored to present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on behalf of our fallen comrades. A couple hundred people were present for the reunion. Most are World War II vets in their 80s and 90s. I'm slowly adjusting to living back in my hometown (Montpelier) after some 50 years away. I don't seem to recognize those old codgers on the block, but they inform me that we were all in high school together. (I need new glasses.)" • You have to admit that **Alma Goetcheus Peacock** gets around: "I had a busy summer with lots of long weekend getaways within the U.S., and I also went to France. My daughter, son-in-law, and I toured the D-Day invasion sites, battlefields, and cemeteries, staying in Bayeux where we saw the tapestries. We moved on to Amiens and branched out to WWI sites. Renting a car allowed us to go at our own pace and enjoy the French country roads. Next up is a visit to an old friend in the UK this spring." • **Bob Morris** writes, "Early on in elementary school in New Rochelle, N.Y., I was in a play and had the role of a king. I vividly remember delivering a line and saw the entire audience (kids and parents) actually rock backward laughing. I was hooked! While growing up (which is still in progress), I had a fascination about comedy. I saw Jerry Lewis live when I was 15 and watched him on the Colgate Comedy Hour. Up until July of this year number one on my bucket list was 'Do stand-up comedy in front of a live audience.' I did that at the Gotham Comedy Club in NYC and was pleased with the results (27 laughs in six minutes of performing!). You can see it on youtube.com if you type in my name and Gotham Comedy Club. Now number one on my bucket list is 'Monetize whatever comedic talent I have as a writer or performer.' Stay tuned." • From **Peg Straus Patierno** came, "**Charlotte Duryea Hohl** and I got together with **Sally Gerhart Mitchell** at a camp in New Hampshire. It's always fun to be with old friends who are getting older gracefully." • I (**Judy**) sent in a photo of alumnae having an annual luncheon as part of once was a very active Hartford (Conn.) Club. See page 77. • It's wonderful to hear what's going on in our classmates' lives, so when your turn comes, we hope you'll send in your news. Thanks and best regards to all, Judy and Dick.

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57 We heard from **Peter “Dip” Decker**: “For the past three summers Barbara and **Hugh Marlow** have come to our Colorado ranch to help with minimal chores. Hugh tired of fixing fences, so this year he sent a replacement, **Sabra Harwood Field**. Much easier on the eyes. Sabra spent five days adjusting from the rounded mountains of Vermont to the sharpened peaks of the Rockies, doing some hiking and of course, sketching. A wonderful visit.” • We’re sorry to report that **Sue Babbidge** died on July 25. Daughter Amy created a nice memorial: www.forevermissed.com/Suzanne-elizabeth-babbidge#about. • **Gail Parsell Beckett** reports, “We saw **Sue Tisdell Maynard** and **Lee Hall Albern** (plus husbands), when they visited us here in Hopkinton. And last July 20 **Sylvia Griswold Dow** hosted our annual New Hampshire Class of ’57 gathering at her home.” • More on the gathering: **GINNY BAKER HANSEN** (Sylvia’s roommate for three years) was there—she and her husband were en route to Maine. The year-round New Hampshire residents included **Mary Ellen Bushnell**, **Glen Graper** and wife Mary Lou, **Murray** and **Julie French Campbell**, and Peter and **Gail Beckett**. The summer resident group included **Wayne** and **Pam Clark Reilly**, and **Betsy Mathewson Bailey** and husband Broadus, and one “out-of-stater” classmate came: **Adrienne Littlewood DeLaney** with husband Bob ’51. • We’re sorry to report that **John Middleton** died on June 16. Having both tutored English in Poland, John and wife Ginny (Havighurst) ’58 worked locally, tutoring with the Literary Volunteers. Ironically, perhaps, they had settled in range of my (**Barclay**) habitat for the most privileged teenagers in the world (Taft School). My personal memories of John were renewed annually when John’s phalanx of bagpipers marched at every Taft graduation. • In Australia Katherine and **Bo Wakefield** have conspired on a masterly memoir about their quest to know life Down Under. We are particularly grateful because even they seem in the dark about when to return to the States. As it is, their journey seems timeless. Katherine’s descriptions appeal to Man’s basic and learned capacities, reflecting the anthropology of the Australian continent and primitive existence of most living things—animals and insects included. Last June “with bow waves up on the hood of their Tug and trailer,” they forded the river roads of the Queensland wilderness. Katherine declares, “Bo didn’t need his first aid recertification; the snakes were hibernating.” She adds, “Our stay on Cape Tribulation was in warm, tropical rains; Bo swam in clear, shallow ocean water despite the croc, shark, and stinger warnings. He survived to later swim in Cape York’s natural rock pool at Fruit Bat Falls!” Other adventures in intriguing

places are described as follows: “We searched in the Yungaburra ‘misty’ mountains but could not spot the elusive and shy tree kangaroo. We got our barramundi (or Asian seabass) from the crocodile-infested salt-water Albert River north of Burketown. At Undara we climbed a steep 100-million-year-old scoria volcano; then went underground into the lava tubes. We especially liked towns where we could appreciate the local butcher’s sausages, country music, and bush poet’s recitals. We busted opals out of ironstone boulders in the gem fields at Quilpie. We didn’t have a first-class find! In a change of locomotion, we canoed up Boodjamulla National Park’s Lawn Hill Gorge to swim in the twin falls. From the street veranda of Normanton’s famous Purple Pub we watched a Friday evening rodeo parade. Viewed with delight were the many almost complete marine dinosaur fossils displayed at Richmond. One evening in Julia Creek we cooked freshwater crayfish (red claw) right from the ponds at Proa Station. We watched multiteam multiaged polocross matches on Thargomindah’s dusty clay-pan center of their race-track. Enjoyable were midmorning beers and coffee with ‘cattle people’ at the remote Outback Toompine Hotel. At five degrees Celsius in the Border Ranges on our final morning out, we tramped down to the beautiful Queen Mary Falls for sunlit photographs. Then with haste we pointed the Tug toward the coast and home in Terranora.” We don’t know whether to envy the Wakefields or fear for them. They seem immune to distance and danger. “We were 46 days on the road and stayed in 22 campsites. No flat tires. Never ran out of fuel. (We carried an extra 40 liters). No broken windshield. Our good luck held firm. We avoided unfenced-road contact with kangaroos, dingos, emus, sheep, and cattle, as well as feral pigs, goats, dogs, cats, camels, and brumbies (wild horses). The roads we traveled were 50-50 hard surfaces or rough dirt tracks.” Home now, Katherine has returned to her beloved retail employment. Her work is important as it will finance next year’s voyage’s booze and petrol costs!

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58 **Mary Stein Dominick** e-mails, “I certainly enjoyed reading **Frank Hurt**’s blurb in the class notes of last winter’s issue and I’m heartened that there is someone else who stays very active and competitive at our age. I can’t say that I’m competitive, but I’m blessed with good health and keep up a regime at the gym through Pilates, which allows me to ski, hike, and generally do the sports I love to do. Also, being able to ski with my grandsons is a huge pleasure. Husband Sven has updated my skiing technique to his satisfaction and to my delight. We love hearing from any Middlebury folks who come out our way. Sven feels that my contacts outweigh his

Aussie visitors, though we have had several from Down Under. Does anyone out there want to be a rep for Zipfit ski boot liners and foot beds? We need a big push in New England.” • **Pete Bostwick** sent this update: “I was hoping to come to my 55th reunion at Midd, but both my flights to and from Burlington were canceled due to weather. I continue to play mostly doubles tennis in the age groups father-son, father-daughter, and grandfather-grandson in spite of four hip operations—a double in ’87, a revision in ’05, and another revision in ’13. My son G.H. Peter Bostwick III ’78 had daughter Kathryn graduate from Middlebury in ’12. She was captain of the squash team.” • Still savoring reunion weekend, **Rachel Cutter Bender** writes, “Our 55th was wonderful. Highlights were attending choir rehearsal in the chapel with Emory Fanning directing, a morning walk with Ro (**Mary Roemmele Crowley**), being with my Château buddies—Bonnie (**Alice “Bonnie” Mairs**), Lucy (**Lucile Carpenter Freeman**), and Ginny (**Virginia Havighurst Middleton**)—together INSIDE Hepburn (nice!), brunch at Dottie’s (**Dorothy Bigelow Neuberger**), and the Lewis’s (**John** and **Susan Lockwood Lewis**) community with maple syrup favors I trucked home to Colorado. The evening under the tent with many more classmates coming around was tender, too.” • Eleven “old” Zeta Psi fraternity members and their guests congregated for good times, reminiscences, and Italian food in Northampton, Mass., during the week after our reunion in June. Our class had the greatest representation with **Carolyn Hanson Faulhaber**, **Carol Hardy Hawthorne**, **Dick Mrstik**, **Chan Nims**, and **Sonny Wilder** all present. From the class just ahead of us in ’57 came John Faulhaber, Allen Hawthorne, Merrill Mack, and Don Young; and joining in from the class behind ours in ’59 were Frank Simon, Sherwood Smith, Avery Tillinghast, and Bill Wemmerus. • **Jock Glidden** e-mails, “I’m 14 years retired. I treat it as an art form. My first few years were busy; now it’s decorating one or two daily events with thoughtful preparations and endings. For example, once a week I drive a blind lady to our city’s skating rink. For an hour we have it all to ourselves. Beforehand I gather my gear, exercise my skating muscles, and once there, turn her over to a professional skater. Afterwards we have lunch and maybe take her guide dog for a walk or I read to her. You’d be impressed by how I can spin out a morning working at the soup kitchen by the railroad yard or describe birding walks to my hospice patient who loves birds. Just to race 5 km in the old geezer class at our local cross-country center can take all day. Sometimes I complain and resist the tyranny of time, which saps body and soul, but I know it does no good. Better to think of wasting time as a rewarding work of performance art.” • From Indiana, **Scott Greer** says, “The highlight of this last year was shooting my age (76) in golf. Wife Maggie and I still play tennis and I volunteer coaching boys and girls tennis at Bloomington High School South.” •

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Bonnie Mairs spent last summer at her new cabin in northern Minnesota. At a time when many classmates are downsizing, she is reversing the trend, now owning 24 acres (19 accessible only by boat) on a beautiful small lake with only two neighbors. She saw a wolf on her road this summer. **Lucy Freeman** and her two golden retrievers spent a week with her, canoeing (dogs too) and hiking and just sitting and watching the cloud reflections in the lake. It's a simple life—hand pump at the kitchen sink, propane lights, and an outhouse. If your plans take you to the area next summer and if you can put up with the amenities, she says come and visit! • **William Moyer**, after getting his PhD in physics from RPI and then joining the faculty there, later went on to enjoy a 30-plus-year career as a research scientist with the New York State Health Dept. Bill, now retired, says that it didn't take him too long to adjust to life as a retiree. In fact, he found himself returning to his high school hobby as a ham radio operator and has since connected with other operators in a hundred countries. He still uses W2KKJ, the call he received from the FCC back on July 24, 1951. Bill and wife Judith (Plumb) '61 now enjoy life in Poestenkill, N.Y., outside of Albany. • From Southport, N.C., **Yvonne "Spenny" Cosby Moody** sent this e-mail: "My husband, Pete, who spent many weekends at Midd, died last year, eight years after suffering bilateral strokes. My family and I are glad he's not miserable anymore. My three children and four granddaughters are doing well; the eldest granddaughter has started college. I was arrested last July as part of North Carolina's Moral Monday protest program in which thousands of people showed up at our capital, over a period of weeks, to express their displeasure with the actions of our legislature. I bet not many alums boast of being arrested! Otherwise I keep busy playing bridge and volunteering several different places." • **Ann Ormsbee Frobese** writes, "Rich and I had a lovely North Atlantic cruise last July. What made this cruise unique for me was realizing at the San Francisco Airport that my suitcase was still at home, waiting by the door. When the shock wore off, I began to laugh. I had a lesson in traveling lightly, with only a small carry-on, which amazingly had just enough to make the cruise possible without major shopping. It turned out to be a very liberating experience, which I highly recommend. (But be sure to have walking shoes. I did not!) I am reading *My Beloved World*, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's autobiography—fascinating and funny. I highly recommend it."

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59 REUNION CLASS **Stuart Purdy** recently directed a production of *Mart Crowley's The Boys in the Band*. Local papers praised the show as a slick production with a bril-

liant cast. Stuart migrates to Puerto Vallarta to partake of books, fish, wine, and a hammock; we aren't sure in which order. His *Star Clipper* cruise along the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica and Nicaragua must have been terrific. • **Diana Smith MacCallum**, a longtime church organist, lives in Maryland near the Eastern Shore, with water views from her house. She enjoys fishing in Chesapeake Bay. Her youngest son just graduated, in law, from Brigham Young Univ. She has one son in Colorado, one in Sioux Falls, S.D., and four grandchildren. Her husband and daughter are deceased. • **Joel Boland** and wife Kati spent time in Vancouver, British Columbia, which he says is exceptionally clean and full of life. He spends his retirement life golfing, doing some watercolor painting, and doing the occasional cooking gig. • **Robine Andrau** has had two essays published in the Sunday *Boston Globe Magazine* and writes a monthly column for her local, Scituate, Mass., paper. She also expects to have in print before Christmas her book *Bowing to the Emperor: Our WWII Imprisonment Story*. (She has a publisher.) She has started a blog on writing with a friend (twowritingbuddies.com). By the time this column appears in print, she'll be back from a trip to Europe to visit **Nancy Smoller Le Floch** in France, to connect with **Nancy McKnight Smith** to explore the southern part of France, and then to visit Holland to spend a few days with family and friends. • **Nancy Smith** is still working part time in Belgium coordinating a program for Catholic Univ.: "It's been a great experience; it has allowed for frequent visits with **Nancy Le Floch** and her family, which have enriched my life." • **Eric Lorentzen** reported on his Andean hike via the practically nonexistent Ancascocha Trail over two 15,000-foot passes in three days; thence to Machu Picchu. In Santiago he visited his youngest son, Jonathan, who works in a bar/nightclub, the hottest spot in the city. "What happens in Santiago stays in Santiago!" As a "confirmed masochist," he returned to South America four months later. He wants someone to hide his suitcase. • **Nancy Frame Sveden** writes, "I've returned from Norway after a grand reunion with my Norwegian 'family' with whom I was first placed 53 years ago. My Norwegian 'sister,' Unni, who's our age, is amazing in the sport of orienteering; she still leads groups of children and competes internationally, last year coming in first out of 80 participants in Germany. We all laugh, continuously! She had me bicycling and climbing through mountains, insisting that I participate in several orienteering races (with little kids, although I did try one intermediate match, coming in last). Our families have traveled back and forth many times, first singly, then with our kids, and now with our grandchildren. What an extraordinary privilege to feel loved in two countries!" • Bill '58 and **Noelle Caseley Locke** remain highly content living 18 years on Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod, Mass. "We do leave, especially to visit our far-flung children. Our oldest and his family have lived in England 15 years, but we're bridg-

ing the separation with our grandson at Harvard and granddaughter at Yale. Daughter Deb is in Boston; son Steve and wife are in very appealing Chicago. Daughter Jen '96 is in Maryland and combines being a law librarian and mom to two preschool boys. **Judy Webster Bauer** has visited; I have lunches with **Dorrie Landry Kehoe** and keep up with **Kay Shook Balabon** by phone." • The previous column mentioned a student of **Earle Hoyt's**, who endowed a scholarship in Earle's name at Northern Arizona Univ., in computational chemistry (applied quantum mechanics). Thanks to Earle, this student pursued a PhD and now runs a research effort at the Univ. of North Carolina. Northern Arizona graduates approximately 10 chemistry majors a year with 90 percent chasing a PhD. • **Ellie Bliss** writes, "I had a great visit and dinner with **Millicent Fairhurst** and Earla and **Don Woodworth** at Bread Loaf on the opening day of Alumni College. I have happy memories of times spent there a few years ago. I spent part of the summer again at the place in Highgate Springs, Vt., where I connect with friends, grandchildren, and their parents. I still collect water samples from the Missisquoi River tributaries every other week, hoping that the concentration of phosphorus is diminishing. Sadly, I wasn't able to travel with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra during their summer tour, running the concession stand, where we sell VSO shirts, tote bags, hats, and more. I figure over seven years, I've heard the 1812 Overture at least 65 times at various venues all over the state." • **Bill Wemmerus** attended a national Zeta Psi fraternity reunion in Massachusetts along with classmates **Sherwood Smith**, **Frank Simon**, and **Avery Tillinghast**. There were several Midd grads from the Class of '58 and Class of '57. Some had not seen each other for over 50 years. • That leads us to our 55th reunion, which your class correspondents, **Lucy** and **Andy**, are co-chairing. While we are still alert, alive, and learning, put June 6–8 on your calendars now! Much more info will be coming. We would like all to attend and would like many of you to volunteer in making this reunion, the last before we turn 80 years old, a very memorable experience.

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60 If you weren't in Middlebury this past autumn you missed a glorious season and a wonderful Alumni College. **Loey Boon Hill** and Alan Stillman were at Alumni College on the new research boat on Lake Champlain. **Peter "Skip" Ingold** took **Russ Leng's** class on WWII while Kerry Reilly Ingold '62 studied geography. **Jean Seeler-Gifford** relearned all there is to know about *Moby Dick*. • Amy and **Mike Robinson** visited Midd for the Edward Hopper art show at the Center for the Arts. • **Dick Wilkinson** continues rescuing cats with a stray/



Gli studenti della School in Italy, inoltre, fanno parte di squadre di calcio, svolgono tirocini, frequentano corsi di ballo, giocano a Frisbee, imparano a cucinare piatti tradizionali e fanno arrampicata con guide della zona.

neuter/release program. He keeps in touch with his Zeta Psi brothers, **Mike Robinson** and **Cal Schmeichel**, who has a B&B in upstate New York. • Barbara and **Bernie Brodsky** have moved to Las Cruces, N.M.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

ARABIC SCHOOL

David Cross ('99, '04, '06) was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in comparative literature by the Univ. of South Carolina in August. He is an assistant professor at Charleston Southern Univ., where he teaches Spanish and Arabic.

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

In the fall **Kay Bennett** (MA '66) gave a presentation about Mary Jemison, the "White Woman of the Genesee," for the Almond (N.Y.) Historical Society, portraying Mary dramatically as part of the program. • **Joe Rigali** (MA '80), a GW & Wade counselor, was recognized recently as the 2014 Five Star-Wealth Manager by *Boston Magazine*. He has been a principal at GW & Wade since 1988. He lives in Concord, Mass., with wife **Tracy Winn** ('86-88). • **Stephanie Shute Kelsch** (MA '82) is the new pastor at Second Parish Church in Hingham, Mass. Her great-great-great-great-great-grandfather was the church's first minister. • **Stephen Duffy** (MA '89) was recently named the next head of school at Falmouth (Mass.) Academy, starting July 1. Currently he is the upper school principal at Rutgers Preparatory School in Somerset, N.J. • **Mark Wright** (MA '89) presented "The History of Jazz" for the Harrington Park Historical Society. A musical program, he played piano and related the story of jazz and his personal journey through this American art form. • **Jenifer Fox** (MA '94) recently gave a "Discovering and Developing Your Child's Strengths" talk as part of the Hinsdale (Ill.) High School District 86 speaker series. • Poet **Jen Lighty** (MA '98) was recently awarded a \$1,000 Fellowship Grant by the Rhode Island State Council. She credits the Block Island Poetry Project for helping her hone her craft.

FRENCH SCHOOL

Wen-yee Ho (MA '78) writes, "In June 2011 I retired after 27 years of teaching French at Tufts Univ., and I began participating in international piano competitions for amateur pianists. In the past two years, I was fortunate enough to have won a few awards: the Chopin award in Washington, D.C. (July 2011), the Franz Liszt award as well as the Gold Medal in Seattle (October 2011), quarterfinalist in the 23rd International Competition for Outstanding Amateurs in Paris (March 2012), and semifinalist in the Chicago International Competition (May 2012). Most recently I won second prize in the International Competition for Amateur Pianists in St. Petersburg, Russia (July 2013). Because of that prize, I have been asked back to give a solo recital in St. Petersburg in March." In June she has also been invited to play two concerts in St. Petersburg, both sponsored by

His book, *Death In Diyarbakir*, was named as a finalist in the action/adventure category at the 2013 Indie Book Awards Contest. • **Jim Wright's** daughter, Leslie '84, lives in East Middlebury, a few miles from where

the Russian Museum. She also has two concerts in Boston in May. • **Timothy Simeone** (MA '91) is a partner with the law firm of Wiltshire & Grannis in Washington, D.C. He has participated in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, a majority of the U.S. Courts of Appeals, and a number of state supreme courts. • This year **Phillip Davis** (MA '03) is a new French teacher at Muskegon (Mich.) High School. He has more than 11 years of teaching experience. • We are sad to report that **Anne McKenzie Jourlait**, wife of longtime teacher and director of the French School **Daniel Jourlait**, passed away on September 8 at the age of 74. She is survived by Daniel, son Marc and wife **Jennifer (Roberts)** (MA '93, MA Spanish '97), daughter **Claire** '95 (MA German '97) and husband **Guillaume**, and four grandsons. For more about Anne, see the Class of 1960 column.

GERMAN SCHOOL

Kathryn Cowin Decker ('69) retired in June 2013 from her position as a school psychologist in the San Lorenzo Unified School District (Calif.). She and her husband were looking forward to the imminent birth of their fifth grandchild. This summer they plan to relocate to the Northwest and enjoy a more relaxed and leisurely lifestyle. Visiting various national parks in the U.S. and Canada is high on their list. • **Spencer Wolf** (MA '11), a German language teacher at Newburyport (Mass.) High School, recently received two awards from the Massachusetts Foreign Language Assoc., the Intercultural Student Exchange Language Matters honor and the state's German Educator of the Year award. • **Marcel Reich-Ranicki**, one of the most influential German literary critics of the 20th century, passed away on September 18. He taught at the German School in 1969 and wrote a note about Theodor Adorno, the eminent Frankfurt School philosopher, from Middlebury. A Polish-born Jew who grew up in Berlin and survived the Warsaw ghetto, he was a powerful cultural figure in postwar Germany and helped pave the way for Jews to again play an important role in the nation's culture and politics.

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In September 2013 **Aaron Stein** (MAIPS '10) was named one of the "2013 Top 99 Foreign Policy Leaders Under 33." The list is published by *Diplomatic Courier* magazine and cosponsored by Young Professionals in Foreign Policy. Aaron is a research associate at the Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies in Istanbul, where he works on security and proliferation issues in the Middle East. In 2012 he cofounded Turkey's first nonproliferation and disarmament program, creating a website that he describes as "the first

she was born while Jim was a grad student at Bread Loaf. Ten years ago Leslie started a foundation called STRIDE for female athletes. One project was to equip and train Middlebury junior high students who cannot

comprehensive collection of scholarly articles covering all aspects of Turkey's nuclear program and policies." Aaron is also a PhD candidate at King's College, London, researching Iranian and Turkish nuclear decision-making. • **Julie Sinclair** (MPA '89) was recently honored by NAFSA: Association of International Educators for her extensive volunteer work with international enrollment management. Julie is finishing her PhD from Michigan State Univ. and has been a guest speaker via Skype in Prof. Katherine Punteney's classes. She has also done informational interviews for students in the Institute's MA in international education management (MAIEM) program. • For three consecutive summers, MIIS Spanish translation and interpretation professor **Cas Shulman-Mora** (MATI '95) has taught and directed the International Conference Interpretation Practicum at the Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo in Santander, Spain. This year **Arielle Weisman** (MATI '11) joined Cas as her teaching assistant for the second time, and among participants was a large contingent of current Monterey Institute students and alumni: **Susana Piñón Freire** (MACI '99), **Laura Merino** (MACI '11), **Katerina Borghi** (MATI '14) and **Miguel Garcia** (MACI '14). During the two-week course, participants practice interpreting in mute booths at live conferences held at a seaside Spanish conference center, while living and working in a former Spanish royal palace on the scenic northern coast of Spain.

SPANISH SCHOOL

Franca Arcuri Biales (MA '88) was recently re-elected to the Board of Education in Middletown, Conn. She is a high school teacher in the Middletown public school system and has three children. • In September **Carrie Duff** (MA '97) began a new position as the assistant principal at Fowler School in Maynard, Mass. Previously she was at Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School. • **Jennifer Lumb Crowley** (MA '00) joined the Spanish dept. at Duxbury (Mass.) High School this school year. She has 20 years of experience. • In Oregon **Beth Keech** (MA '01) also began a new position as a Spanish teacher at Marist High School in Eugene. She has more than 15 years experience. • **Jennifer Johnson** (MA '04) became the new assistant principal for grades 10-12 in Edgemont, N.Y., this school year. Previously she was the assistant principal for guidance in Rye. • Darrow School in New Lebanon, N.Y., welcomed new faculty this year including **Jose Benitez-Melendez** (MA '12), who is teaching Spanish and French. • In July **Heidi Ambrozaitis** (MA '12) married Cameron Hewitt in Middletown Springs, Vt. She is a foreign language instructor at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg, Mass.

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afford the equipment or training. She bought skis and proper clothing and taught the girls herself. The teachers at the schools have recognized significant changes in the demeanor of those students who participated. This is just one of the creative projects her foundation has carried out. • **Alda and Gerry Barrington** winter in Fort Myers and would like to see if there is any interest in organizing a Florida Gulf Coast Middlebury group. Please contact him at jer3cube@aol.com. • We are sorry to report the deaths of three classmates. **Betty Andrews** died July 27 in Pittsfield, Mass. She graduated cum laude with a major in American history. She was a member of Sigma Kappa, Women's Forum, and the French Club, and worked on the Kaleidoscope and the Culture Conference. • **Sandy Feldmann Williamson** passed away on May 22. Sandy was a sociology major, and a four-year member of the Mountain Club and of the Women's Forum. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she also was a member of the Republican Club and Christian Assoc. • We lost **Anne McKenzie Jourlait** on September 8 in Aix-en-Provence, France. Anne was a French major, who was the salutatorian and graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude. She was a member of the French Club, holding the VP and president chairs. She also was involved with the Religion Conference, Christian Assoc., Mountain Club, and Women's Forum. She earned her PhD in comparative literature at the Univ. of Michigan and taught at York Univ. in Toronto and at the Institute for American Universities in Aix, where she was also VP. She and husband Daniel spent every summer in Vermont from 1972–2012 while Daniel taught in and served as director of the French School. She will be sadly missed. • **Veevy** and **Jean** remind you to send us your e-mails, press clippings, and other news.

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61 Dave Gannett '62 had the privilege of hosting Cil and **Jack Westerbeke** the first full week in August for the Seattle Opera's Four-Opera production of Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen*, aka *The Ring*. They all had a grand time! • **Jeff Foran** has been appointed by the Tiburon (Calif.) Town Council as a representative on the seven-member Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency Board of Trustees. Jeff brings to the library agency board his skill as an experienced strategist. According to Jeff, he has a lot of ideas for the library. "I'm very interested in the use of the computer and access to information." Jeff has served on corporate and nonprofit boards, including UNR Industries, Telosa Software, Strategic Decisions Group, Save the Children, Decision Education Foundation, and several investment funds. • **Dick Harris**, the director of Harbor Watch/River Watch at Earthplace in

Westport, Conn., has watched that organization grow in size and influence. They manage seven rivers and two harbors and run an inventory on juvenile benthic marine fish every year on Norwalk Harbor. They also do contract work for the State of Connecticut and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as provide educational opportunities for young scientists. In recent years they have discovered big leaks of sewage into Norwalk Harbor and Norwalk River. They've been working with municipalities to find and repair the problems. As in many other localities, aging infrastructure is causing these and other problems. The success of Dick's organization causes his dilemma: whether or not to expand their needed services, which would take both continued high involvement and resources. • **Dave Crowley** now has a website with some of his "recollections of growing up, including flunking out of Middlebury and returning to graduate" with our class. You can read Dave's website at davidcrowley.com. • **Pete Connal** reports that wife Ruth had major back surgery during the past year, which cut short some of their travel plans. He says that the titanium rods Ruth now has in her back prevent them from holding hands in a thunderstorm. Fortunately she has made a remarkable recovery and everything else is going well. • By the time you read this, **Carole Pringle Tiedemann** will have moved west from Rochester, N.Y., to Seattle. She sold her house in September to move closer to daughter Dana Tiedemann Hulslander '92 and family in the Seattle area. Carole's new address is 3602 N. Narrows Drive, Unit 7A, Tacoma, WA 98407. • I regret to inform you of the death of **Eugene Sapadin** on September 19 in Williston, Vt. Gene was much loved by family and students. As his obituary said, he will leave a "very large Gene-shaped hole in their universe." • Also, **Richard Rubin** died on September 20 in Bloomington, Ind. Richard was much loved by his family and colleagues. Our sympathy is sent to Gene and Richard's families. —Class Correspondent: **Janet Reed** (jsreed2800@me.com), 929 W. Foster Ave., Apt. 2620, Chicago, IL 60640.

62 Congratulations to **Frank Pappalardo** who was awarded the 2013 Chancellor's Award by the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild. A charter member of the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild, he has served as its longtime treasurer. After serving as an assistant district attorney for Monroe County, N.Y., for 10 years he went into private practice, first with his father then with his son, Frank, and daughter, Fauna. • In October the Friends of the Concord (Mass.) Library presented "New Literary Voices" and **Barbara Miller Powell** served as the mistress of ceremonies. She is the former director of the Concord Free Public Library and was previously the director of the Belmont (Mass.) Public Library. —Class Correspondents: **Judy Bosworth Roëset** (jbozroeset@aol.com), 8809 Mariscal Canyon Dr., Austin, TX 78759; **Liza Dunphy Fischer** (betsy@brentopalmer.com),

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63 The months since reunion have flashed by. Conversations with classmates yield much praise for those involved in its success and for the generation of newfound energies. It's heartening to hear of several instances where classmates have reached out to assist one another with some of our "aging issues." Do make it a point to check out our Middlebury Class of 1963 Facebook page. **Liam English** and others are doing wonders keeping that alive with real-time chat and photos. • **Janet Myers Arnold** reports from Leesburg, Fla., that she and husband John moved to Florida from Oregon back in 1998 and have since been enjoying the quiet life of retirees, no longer having to adhere to corporate world schedules. • **Deborah Bigelow Begner** of Scottsdale, Ariz., says that throughout the years she and **Vera Maggia Plummer** of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., have remained close. She had a grand time at reunion. The summer and fall seasons kept her and husband Tom busy with antique American Indian art festivals and modern Indian art exhibits associated with their business. Check out their website (www.turkey-mountain.com). • As part of our reunion gift to the College, **Susan Washburn Buckley** of NYC donated 173 autographed Civil War letters written by Orlando French, a member of the 75th Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the time span of September 1862–June 1865, to his wife Lydia. Susan's gift is extensive—totaling more than 1,000 pages and including photos of both the writer and his wife. The complete collection was exhibited during Homecoming Weekend. Andy Wentink '70, the former Special Collections archivist, returned to present his perspective on the gift as the "Crown Jewel" of the College's extensive Civil War collection. • **Rexford Brown** of Denver, Colo., was unable to join us in June due to the opening of his wife Sharon's art gallery in the heart of Denver's River North Art District. Rex does take pride in the fact that he helped initiate a KDR 1963 pledge class gathering in 2012 in Massachusetts—one of our early mini-reunions. He still continues as a professional educator—being very much involved in the local university Academy for Lifelong Learning. **Charlie Buell** of Norwich, Vt., is similarly involved in like activities at Dartmouth College. Contact either of these folks for ideas in your own region. • **Ken Delmar** of Stamford, Conn., had a showing of paintings at the George Billis Gallery in Chelsea, NYC. We have known for years of Ken's expertise as a writer, film producer, and photographer. However we now learn of his lifelong love of painting using unique media—treated paper towels and Plexiglas panels. • **Liam English** of Cornwall, Vt., not only maintains our Facebook exposure but also works hard on his farm. This past summer, he and wife Judy enjoyed "gunkholing" in Penobscot Bay, Maine, exploring some of the offshore islands. •

John McHenry and wife Anne (Smith) '62 of Chula Vista, Calif., not only came to reunion but have since visited **Dick Hawley** of Underhill, Vt. Both John and Dick started with our class but graduated in 1964, and both plan to attend the 1964 reunion this coming June. Again our class spunk has prevailed. • **Barry White** of Richmond, Va., also had a wonderful time on campus this past June. Since then, he and wife Pat have traveled to Scotland and visited children and grandchildren in and around Cape Cod. He reminds us that they are happy to share Southern hospitality with classmates. • **Jackson Kytle** has a second edition of his book *To Want to Learn* out from Palgrave MacMillan. He serves as a public commissioner for a regional accrediting association and has served as deputy provost of the New School in NYC, VP at Norwich Univ., and president of Goddard College. • Let's make it a point to keep our class spunk alive. Reach out to one another. Fight the winter blues with a serendipitous chat or gathering. As always, your class correspondents welcome news. —Class Correspondents: Janet Brevoort Allen-Spencer (janallenspencer@gmail.com), 2 Arizona Pl., Huntington Station, NY 11746; Christopher J. White (crnbrycst@aol.com), 347 Duck Cove Rd., Bucksport, ME 04416.

64 REUNION CLASS Now that our 50th reunion is just around the corner, many of us are thinking back five decades to our time spent at Middlebury. From Kennedy's assassination to the peace marches to the Beatles' arrival on the music scene—our four years at Midd spanned a wide spectrum of life experiences for us. • **Maggie Franck Sparks** notes, "Whenever I go to a reunion the first thing I always think of is that everybody from our class at the reunion has experienced the last so many years at the same age. A very funny feeling to be only with people who came of age exactly at the same time. But a very comforting one as well." • **Nancy Spanier**, reflecting on her college years, still enjoys staying in touch with Middlebury as "it was one of the highlights of my life." And her life has surely been an interesting one. "I have been living in the Dordogne region of southwestern France for the last six years and have not been back to the U.S. It has always been a dream of mine to live in rural France, so after I retired from 35 years of teaching in the Dept. of Dance and Theater at the Univ. of Colorado in Boulder, I moved to France. My husband and I continue our active professional life teaching workshops in expression, called the Discipline of Freedom, in Denmark and the UK as well as in France. Additionally, we work with professional artists (dancers, singers, actors, choreographers, directors, writers, visual artists, composers, and musicians) helping them create original work. We also make short dance films shot mostly in sacred and ancient sites here." • **Judith Denton Jones** and husband Bill moved to Maine in 1998 after 25 years in Washington, D.C., when Bill retired from being

a farm economist with the World Bank. She writes, "As a sociologist, I had become involved with starting the public school choice movement in D.C., and from small beginnings, now 45 percent of all public school students in the District attend public charter schools. The majority of students come from low-income and minority families who finally have affordable education options. In Maine, I found a group of educators strongly interested in new opportunities, and I've been the volunteer chair of the Maine Assoc. for Charter Schools. The enabling legislation passed in 2011; the first two schools opened in October 2012, and three more opened in September. We attended the first public charter school high school graduation in August and watched 10 'at risk' kids take a huge, positive step forward in their lives. On the personal side, we have two daughters, each of whom has two young daughters, so we have four grandchildren four and under. Luckily, both families live in the Boston area, so we can see them frequently. We grow Christmas trees and blueberries in rural Hope, Maine, near the summer cabin on Hobbs Pond where Bill has spent all his summers. We have plenty of room and would love to see Middlebury visitors anytime. Just stop by or e-mail me at jdjones@tidewater.net; phone is 207.763.3576." • We learned that **Karin Ryding** has published a book called *Teaching and Learning Arabic as a Foreign Language*. It's a guide that presents the basic tenets of teaching foreign languages specifically for Arabic teachers. She is a professor emerita from the Dept. of Arabic and Islamic Studies of Georgetown Univ.

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65 By the time you read this, some 28 classmates will have gathered in Middlebury to begin preliminary planning for our 50th reunion in June 2015. The group is by no means exclusive so if you'd like to participate, please let either **Polly** or "**T**" know so we can forward word of your interest to the appropriate committee chairs. • Doctor **Jed Maker** writes, "I'm happy to be retired. I loved what I did and might still be doing it if I could have gotten a schedule without call and longer vacations. OB in a small town doesn't work like that. I would have really let my partners down if I sopped up all the easy work and didn't keep up my share of the onerous stuff. So I let it go so they could replace me with a younger version. With 30+ there I think you should have enough brainpower." The Makers have moved back to downtown Salt Lake to be nearer their kids and grandchild with lots of activities and sports readily accessible. • **Jiffy Starr Johnson** took her expertise as head of our WRMC radio station and made a career out of it by broadcasting both on commercial and public radio stations in

Florida and Illinois. When not giggling with her three grandchildren or quilting, she volunteers by teaching lower-income consumers how to stretch their funds.

• **Marty Lavin** sent us a picture of his winter home in Miami Beach aboard his 57-foot Presidential motor yacht. • Congratulations to **Adin Tooker**, who recently was named chair of the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. According to the *Ellsworth American*, Adin divides his time between hiking (he did 1,400 miles of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to New York in four months), biking, skiing, and furniture making when not doing hospital duty. Why are we not surprised? • **Chip Hart** is a very active member on the board of Housing Vermont, which creates permanently affordable rental housing for Vermonters through partnerships with local organizations, public agencies, and the private sector. When not working in the real estate business, he and wife Mary are involved with the Craftsbury Chamber Players. • Sadly, we must report the death of **Chris Smith** following a long illness. Though he spent most of his professional career in banking, his real passion was to anonymously underwrite causes related to the environment, the disabled, the Olympics, and veteran affairs. • **Joe McLaughlin** writes, "I had a message from Pam Reilly letting me know that **Al Reilly** died October 17 of cancer. He was diagnosed last summer, and unfortunately he and Pam had to withdraw an invitation to **Bob Royer**, **Fran Love**, **Jed Maker**, **John Kingman**, and me and spouses to visit them at their lodge on an island in Lake Huron, just off Michigan's Upper Peninsula, in July. Ironically, that plan was hatched at **Paul Witteman's** memorial service in NYC last January, when we decided that at our stage in life, waiting for a reunion every five years was getting risky. All of us but the Loves were able to get together on the planned weekend anyway at the Maker's place on a lake near Traverse City, Mich. We had a great time remembering Head and hoping and praying for the best for Alby. We were able to talk to him and Pam by phone that weekend, and Zuki and I and the Royers visited them on separate weekends early in the fall. Although he was obviously weakened by his disease, we had a lot of laughs and good memories. You may remember that Alby and Pam were married the summer after junior year, one of the first weddings in our class, and she worked in the English dept. senior year. They lived in Perry '64 and Sue Easton '64 Hanson's cabin in Ripton with two great Irish setters that year. Alby was a serious student, a very fine athlete, and most importantly, a man of deep faith and rock-solid values. He built a great family and a great business and was a respected leader in his community. A football player who never stopped loving the game and a pole-vaulter who never flinched at any challenge, he has cleared life's highest bar with courage and grace." • **Tim Hollander** writes, "I think this is the first time in 48 years that I have written anything for our class notes. I have been prompted to do so by a wonder-

It Happened One Night

Even the best parties can get better, as KDR Social Chairman extraordinaire Bob Baskin '64 discovered back in the day, when he and his frat brothers hosted an unexpected guest.



ful couple of days working on our 50th reunion and reconnecting with classmates from yesteryear. This year has been jam-packed with a trip back to Vietnam with my three kids, Lisa '89, who was born while I was first there in 1967, Tucker '91, and Susannah (UVM). I returned with them to Da Nang and found a woman I had worked with long ago in an orphanage. Thanks to 'T', I have joined the Middlebury Rotary Club, which occupies my charitable energy and has allowed me to work on a school building project in Honduras. I remain in the unenviable position of having to work for a living, but enjoy my business development position with the McKernon Group, a residential design/build firm. Nice to see **Chip Hart**, **Michael McCann**, and Spence Wright '45 at the DKE alumni meeting. A large vegetable garden, occasional travel with friends, and partridge hunting with **Stets (Fred Stetson)** sop up the rest of my free time. I look forward to seeing everyone at our 50th."

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66 We're sad to report that **Bob O'Connell**, a native of St. Albans, Vt., died in July in San Francisco, where he had lived most of his adult life. After serving as a military intelligence officer in the Army, Bob went on to obtain his law degree from the Univ. of San Francisco. He had retired from a 31-year career as a lawyer. He and wife Lynn had two children. If you have memories of Bob that you'd like to share, please send them along to us for the next issue. • On a happier note, in June **Carolyn Sharp Hamilton** and husband Tom were awarded the Charlie Award by the Charlotte County (Fla.) Arts and Humanities Council for a "Lifetime Contribution to the Arts." Carolyn was delighted that her father, 96-year-old Roylance Sharp, having just moved to a condo in Punta Gorda from Sun City Center, Fla., was able to participate in the award celebration. Both Carolyn and Tom have been heavily involved with the Visual Arts Center (VAC) in Punta Gorda, since retiring early in 1999. Besides taking lessons and entering exhibits, they've also served on the board of directors. Tom obtained a series of grants to build a technology lab and started the Peace River Film Festival two years ago. Carolyn, who is a fiber fiend and dabbles in jewelry, was a founder of the Jewelry Arts Group 10 years ago and of Common Threads, a group of over 100 fiber fiends, both part of VAC. When Hurricane Charley (no relation to the award) roared through Punta Gorda in 2005, Tom led the rebuilding committee, which created the well-equipped pottery studio and a very successful pottery program. Together they have chaired six out of the 10 monthlong fine arts festivals each fall, which each feature a famous artist. • **Mark O'Reilly** recently spent two weeks touring Newfoundland and vis-

ited the Sir Wilfred Grenfell Museum in St. Anthony at the end of the Northern Peninsula. Mark writes that, among the exhibits, "I was surprised to find a photo and reference to the Dog Team Tavern in Middlebury, Vt." As some of you may remember, Grenfell was an English physician who established a medical mission serving the fishermen and their families living in remote coastal villages. After 54 years of service, Grenfell and his wife retired to Vermont and established the Dog Team as a teahouse and outlet for Newfoundland handicrafts. For more of the story, Mark refers us to *Wikipedia*. • In the realm of "Midd Moments," **Prue** had one recently. She writes, "Out here in Michigan, especially Ann Arbor where I live, hardly anyone has ever heard of Middlebury. We are Big Blue and nothing else here. 'Hail to the Wolverines' is the mantra. Anyway, I'm chairing our church's stewardship campaign for next year and I needed someone skillful to take videos for the church website. No one over 40, of course, can do this due to a lack of knowledge about equipment, formats, etc. One of my committee members suggested a Sean Hoskins, one of the younger members of church, who knows about video. That Sunday, over cake/coffee on the church terrace, I was introduced to Sean Hoskins. Sean, a tall, lithe, affable fellow, told me he is affiliated with Wayne State Univ. as an adjunct prof. We talked, and he kindly agreed to take the videos. Soon thereafter, I sent Sean an e-mail to confirm the plan and then, out of curiosity, went on the Wayne State website. Lo and behold—guess where he went to college? Mind you, one NEVER hears of anything but UM out here. That's right—my new best friend, Sean, was raised in Vermont and went to Middlebury, Class of 2002. Highlight of my day!" We welcome hearing about the "Midd Moments" you've experienced!

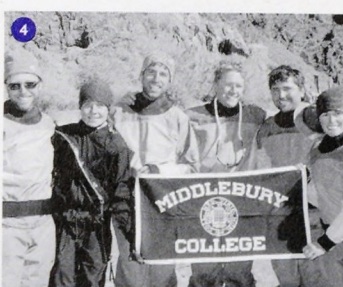
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67 Correspondent **Alex Taylor** reports: Our intrepid class correspondent and reunion organizer **Susie Davis Patterson** was recuperating this past autumn after taking a fall while leading a hike on Mt. Mansfield. In her absence, we asked some classmates to bring us up to date on their activities. But first a report from **Jim Adams** about Susie's mishap. "As most of us know, Susie is hiker and climber extraordinaire, having climbed or hiked most peaks in Vermont and a number in other parts of the world. In August, she challenged one of the steepest, rockiest trails on the west side of Mt. Mansfield. On her descent, she tripped, landed squarely on her left shoulder and bumped her head on a rock. Friends trained in first aid attended to her while two mountain rescue teams were summoned to remove her from the mountain, a five-hour process. At the time of this writ-

ing (September), Susie was lying in bed with a severely shattered humerus. So shattered, in fact, that it was not possible to surgically repair it; her orders were to lie still. A number of Middlebury friends, including **Sue Rugg Parmenter**, **Freddie Mahlmann**, **Carol Collin Little**, **Pat Hickcox**, **Linda Morse**, **Livvy Barbour Tarleton**, **Kathy Towle Hession**, and myself and wife Barbara, as well as other friends in the Burlington, Vt., area assisted with food and support. Her primary caregiver was husband **Tom**, who incidentally retired from a long teaching career at UVM only to find that his immediate retirement activities included nursing!" And checking in with **Susie** in November, we learned that she was healing well and doing daily physical therapy with a goal of being ready to cross-country ski by January 1. Complete bone growth will take a year and the final test will be if she can still slalom water ski on Lake Dunmore next summer. Classmates are invited to come to her camp and be witnesses. • Residents of Painter Hall in 1963 recall that **Jon Berger** showed up for freshman orientation with a canoe paddle. Well, on his 68th birthday, Jon completed a 220-mile canoe trip with an old guiding partner in the Temagami forest of northeast Ontario, lasting 20 days. Jon is coauthor of *Canoe Atlas of the Little North*, available on Amazon for \$69.60, and he continued to sketch while on his trip. He still maintains his day job as the IT director of a center city Philadelphia law firm, specializing in discovery data hosting for several hundred law firms. • **Bob** and **Kathy Landry Geckle** are both healthy and busy in Newtown, Conn. Kathy has for years been involved with a variety of town boards and commissions. During her business career, she was an interior designer with Ethan Allen, designing new galleries and updating existing galleries at showrooms throughout the U.S. Bob has retired from a career in international business and has also served on corporate and local boards. In the wake of the shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, he was named coordinator for corporate donor funds. He reports that the aftermath of the shootings has truly been one of the most difficult periods of their lives. Three of their grandchildren attend Newtown schools, and while they are safe, many of their friends' families were not. • **Huck Fairman** has finished another novel, *Athena*, and is starting a new one, focused, in part, on a Midd reunion among the green hills. His first three books are all available on Amazon. He writes, "I continue to participate in our Princeton chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby, whose main focus is building support for a carbon tax. We write letters to papers and meet with politicians and editors. I also write a guest column for the local *Princeton Packet* newspaper on projects people are doing to support the environment. I was saddened to learn of the death of Pamela Parsons Naughton '68. She was one of my favorite schoolmates, joyous and positive, and was married to actor James Naughton." • **Peter Kovner** has read the latest book by **Gary Margolis**,



1 Julia Proctor '06 and Phil Aroneanu '06 were married on August 18, 2012, surrounded by friends and family on a mountainside in the bride's hometown of Oquossoc, Maine. Middlebury friends helped keep the dance floor moving and campfire grooving into the wee hours: (all '06 unless noted) Austen Levihn-Coon '07, Daniel Berkman, Caitlin Dennis, Kate Elias, Asher Burns-Burg '05, the newlyweds, May Boeve, Caitlin Connolly Hoffman, Retta Leaphart, Jeremy Osborn, Tara Giordano '02, Jessica Nicols Army '07, Kelly Blynn '07, (second row) David Wright '05, Jon Warnow, Michael Silberman '02, Bill McKibben (scholar in residence), Jamie Henn '07, Sean Lena, Hannah Giles, Meghan Nesmith, Lucas Kavner, Judith Dry '09, Emily Feldman '09, Alec Strum '08, Daniel Eichner '04, Elizabeth Baer '04, Ellen Whelan-Wuest '05, Conor Stinson, Andrew Zox '05, Bill Army '07, Mike Ives, and Liz Somes. 2 On September 8, 2012, the wedding of Jay Boren '06 and Emily Adler '07 took place at the Adler place at Hulet's Landing on Lake George, N.Y. Many friends and family celebrated with the couple: Benjy Adler '03, Churchill Franklin '71, Janet Halstead Franklin '72, Andy Rossmeissl '05, Lauren Markham '05, Carol Guest '07, Lindsey Franklin '07 (maid of honor), Angela Evancie '09, Olivia Lew '07, the newlyweds, Katie Hawkins '06, Caitlin Littlefield '07, Heidi Erbe '06, Emily Wheeler '07, Brooke Lenci Clark '06, Jane Mackey Foster '06, Zach Foster '06, Ted Adler '99, Christine Kennelly Nesbit '94, Anjelika Paranjpe '05, Robbie Adler '05, Dodd Cosgrove '72, Hannah Epstein '05, (second row) Patrick Phillips '06, Hubert d'Autremont '07, Jon Warnow '06, Steven Chester '07, Lucas Kavner '06, Scott Schwitz '07, Kelly Blynn '07, Lauren Miller '07, RJ Adler '11, David Jackson '06, Jamie Henn '07, Hunter Stuart '06, and David Temple '05. Missing from photo: Carrie Nazzaro '05.



3 On August 18, 2012, Jake Kritzer '95 married Brooke Baldwin on the shores of Damariscotta Lake in Maine. Friends from the Class of 1995 who joined the couple included Zac Laidley, Brendan Fitzsimons, Cisco Heller, the newlyweds, Sean Kerwin, Oliver Truog, and Sara Morgan Truog. 4 Midd alumni who rafted down the Colorado River from one end of the Grand Canyon to the other: Jay Boren '06, Caitlin Littlefield '07, Robbie Adler '05, Andy Rossmeissl '05, Sam Morrill '08, and Emily Adler Boren '07.

Seeing the Songs: A Poet's Journey to the Shamans in Ecuador, and he sends this report: "I do not read personal mystical quests often or easily. However, as is Dr. Margolis's talent, he makes the genre, journey, and his epiphanies altogether compelling: funny and touching, down-to-earth and spiritual, personal and universal. As another reviewer wrote, 'The book reads like a friend's telling of the coolest thing he's ever done, and you wish you went with him. It's a thrilling experience.' Led by our guide, we (hesitantly) share teetering bus rides up into the Valley of Volcanoes and then plunge headlong into the rain forest. A seemingly offhanded narrative will suddenly shift into a singular illumination of a moment and scene. Gary creates an odyssey that swells (and ebbs) with insights, people, and landscapes, where it takes forever and a day to travel to 'there.' And still, the heart of the book is in remembrance for those our friend Gary encounters—from then to now, from Brookline to Middlebury, from there to here—of what is shared and withheld, what is gained and lost—by all of us. 'We walked the same earth, respectfully, in partnership.'"

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68 Peter Knobler sent a correction to his class note that appeared in the fall issue. "It was the great New Orleans philosopher Jesse Hill who sang 'Ooh Poo Pah Doo' not 'Ooh Doo Da Doo' as was printed. His philosophy was 'I won't stop trying til I create disturbance in your mind.' I love the idea of creating disturbance in your mind. He was looking to make general waves, not just one. Me too." Thanks, Peter, and sorry for the typos. As Peter mentioned, he collaborates with people on their biographies and he has recently published *A Mayor's Life: Governing New York's Gorgeous Mosaic*, with David Dinkins.

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69 REUNION CLASS Leif Magnusson sent this update: "Charlotte (Sibley) '68 and I have been having a lot of satisfying fun with Midd activities lately. We attended her reunion last June. We saw many dear friends and enjoyed a nice chat with Ron Leibowitz. I had a fine breakfast with Paul Nelson, who taught political philosophy and now runs the chamber music series there. I rather doubt I'll be able to make it to our reunion. It has just worked out that our Midd reunions have been with her class lately. I do look forward to hearing about ours. I will dearly miss catching up with friends there. All is well down here in Pennsylvania. I stopped practicing

law since we moved here from Andover eight years ago. I'm finishing a book that my mother wrote on her families and keeping the home fires burning. Charlotte is on corporate boards and just recently agreed to head the Mendelssohn Club Chorus board in Philadelphia. I tell people that we now live in the South. I must say, Middlebury sure is a beautiful place and now seems to be swelling with success and prosperity. It's great to observe and celebrate its successes." • **Sam Bacon** writes, "I continue at Blair Academy as the dean of academics, now completing 23 years at Blair and 42 in independent schools. Eldest child Willa (32) is a parent of Bea and Millie and expecting number three in Lebanon, Pa., with husband Patrick. Tim (25) works in NYC for Deutsche Bank and is engaged to be married in 2014. Natalie (17) is finishing her junior year at Blair, so there is one more set of tuitions to get through. Natalie is probably the most interesting of the lot here: service trip to Kenya in June, with July spent at RISD. Betsy and I got to Bequia last spring and I guess if I had to pick a place to spend the cold months, it would be there!" • From Colorado **Harland Ranney** sent this e-mail to **Anne Harris Onion**: "Just a short e-mail to thank you for your efforts as the class correspondent for our year. My wife and I visited the campus several autumns ago and were impressed by the many new buildings, noting changes, like no more Crest Room with 10-cent ice cream cones. Remembering the WWII Quonset hut that served as the geography dept. facility, the massive new building to the north was truly eye-opening." • **Wendy Cole** writes, "I'm still working during the ski season at Deer Valley—after an injury, this side note: my surgeon was Eric Heiden of 1980 Lake Placid Olympic fame for five gold medals in speed skating! He has a practice here in Park City. My daughter and I spent two amazing weeks at Machu Picchu and the Galápagos in November, a bucket list trip for sure and I do recommend it! I camped and kayaked in the San Juan Islands of Washington State recently, and I go to Arizona several times a year to visit family and friends, but just staying home here in Park City is like a free vacation!" • **Elinor Livingston Redmond, Jackie Ogden English, Lynn Markham Beebe, Julia Lord Soule** and I met at Elinor's home in Maine last fall, and we're planning another yearly get-together. I'm still obsessed with birds and enjoy my work with the Utah Mountain Bluebird Trails every summer. I'm not a grandmother yet, although I do love my two grandcats!" • Correspondent **Peter Reynolds** reports: Living on the shore of Lake Champlain, I'm spending time on the road accompanying my wife on her work travels. We took a three-week September train trip to Chicago, New Orleans, and D.C., departing and returning from the Amtrak stop across the lake from our house. We had a chance to visit with **Seth** and Clara Johnson '71 **Pincus** in New Orleans and with **Linda Eakeley Duncan** in her new digs in Alexandria, Va. Watch out. I may end up in your neighborhood.

I also ran into **Elinor Redmond** at the Northeast Regional Beekeepers Conference in Burlington. • Be sure to check out our class's Facebook page before reunion to see who's coming!

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70 **Beth Prasse Seeley** writes, "Rich and I finally sold our home in Gloucester, Mass., in September, so now we are full-time residents of Silverthorne, Colo. We live within 45 minutes of seven world-class ski areas (including Vail and Breckenridge), and we love to visit with Midd friends when they come out this way to ski—so keep me posted when/if you come to Colorado! We have enjoyed catching up with **Dave** and Elsa Parrington '71 **Desrochers**, as well as **Harry** and Lynn Francis '71 **Zinn** at Steamboat over the past year. I also saw **Joyce Snyder Rappaport** at her home in Hilton Head in November, as we celebrated our Medicare birthdays!" • **Sidney Marsh Moon** will retire from her position as associate dean in the College of Education at Purdue University in Indiana this spring. She and husband Doug Sprengle plan to spend the following year hiking, biking, skiing, and snowshoeing in Steamboat Springs, Colo., where they own vacation property. After that, who knows? • **Paul Bohlen** writes, "Sallie and I moved to our new home in Wamego, Kan., in April 2012 and have been enjoying being closer to daughter Kate and husband and four grandchildren (three boys and one girl) in Clay Center. We also Skype weekly (and visit about yearly) with son David and wife and two grandchildren (one boy and one girl) since they live in Kashmir, India. Sallie and I were in Essex, Vt., for my nephew's wedding in October and I saw the Vermont fall colors in person for the first time since 1969. I'm now on my third career since graduation and 23 years in the Army and 17 years teaching high school. I serve as a financial specialist who helps families and businesses set up their own private financing system for all of their financial needs for things like cars, vacations, equipment, inventory, college, retirement, homes, etc., so they can receive the profits from their spending that others had been receiving. Since I work mainly from home over the Internet, I have great flexibility to serve them and enjoy my family at the same time. Since I do this nationwide, I would be happy to assist my former classmates. The best way to contact me is by e-mail: pnbohlen@gmail.com." • **Andy Wentink** writes, "My last day as curator of Special Collections and College Archives at Middlebury was June 30. Most of the time since then was spent doing whatever I could to close on the sale of my house in Cornwall (finalized on September 27), which I have owned for 22 years, to resettle into my new home in Teaneck, N.J., and to formulate plans for my next stage of research-

ing, writing, editing, teaching, etc. Before moving into the next phase, however, I made a long overdue West Coast tour and, among other connections, met with three classmates after many years: **Alan Carter** after four years, **Tom DeRogatis** after 38 years, and **Fred Shepardson**, after 43 years, since we graduated from Middlebury. What a miracle our Midd experience was, that classmates should be able to reconnect like family as if no time had passed! I, for one, am grateful." • **Nancy Heller** is still enjoying the opportunity to give guest lectures at various places. In the fall she presented two for the Smithsonian Associates, in D.C., and one at the Montgomery (Ala.) Museum of Fine Arts. In February she'll be presenting a paper at a session of the College Art Assoc.'s annual conference in (brrrrr) Chicago. Other than that, she's still teaching art history (at the Univ. of the Arts, Philadelphia), spending as much time as possible with her husband, Bob Regan (not a Midd Kid but quite wonderful nonetheless), and occasionally having the great pleasure of going to dinner with Leif Magnusson '69 and Charlotte Sibley '68. Last summer, Nancy and Bob got to spend some time with, and eat a sumptuous meal created by, Jonathan Hodgkin '69 and his wife. In October Nancy represented Middlebury at the inauguration of the president of Temple University. • **Jack Rudnick** sent this update: "I was named a professor of practice at Syracuse Univ. College of Law and director of the Technology Commercialization Program. I've been an adjunct professor at the college since 1995. I was also named the director of New York State's Science and Technology Law Center. We teach second- and third-year law students the experience of moving technology into the market. The students work with real companies and real technology to help them find the path, if one even exists. So, I'm back where I started in 1970 going to law school." • This paragraph appeared in the coverage of Commencement 2013 on the College's website: "Among the senior class was one student familiar with the challenges that follow college. A member of the Class of 1970, **Howard Sorett** is a sociology/anthropology major who left Middlebury having completed all his academic work except for his thesis. Deciding that he wanted his degree, Sorett fulfilled his remaining requirement this year and proudly accepted his diploma with the Class of 2013 at age 64."

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71 This will be the Medicare birthday year for most of us. Who's retired or retiring? Who's not ready to stop yet? Catch us up. • **Kitty Bean Yancey** has retired after 30 years at *USA Today*, during most of which she had one of the all-time coolest jobs, leisure travel writer. Posting on Facebook about accepting a buyout, she said, "Without *USA Today*, I never would have driven a muscle car on a track at 126 mph, been picked up off the ground (not

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nicely) by Justin Timberlake's bodyguard, gotten an early look at the very moving 9/11 memorial at Ground Zero in NYC, been sent on a three-week tour of Europe to do any stories I chose to do, talked my way into a South Carolina prison to interview James Brown, did stretching exercises next to Candice Bergen at the Golden Door spa, sat down with the *Eat, Pray, Love* medicine man in Bali, and spent more time in Vegas than most compulsive gamblers." Kitty said she plans some R&R, probably followed by some freelancing and perhaps some consulting. We wish her the best.

• **Peter Wood** writes, "I have taken early retirement from the Maine Medical Center Physician-Hospital Organization (PHO) after being its executive director for 18-plus years. We developed a number of programs and structures that will position the PHO's hospitals and physicians for the future of accountable care and global risk sharing. In April, I received the Maine Quality Counts' Quality Improvement Leadership Award. Given the work we have done at the PHO over the last 10 years, I have been asked to do some consulting in New England and nationwide, which I will do—but on my schedule. Ellen planned to retire in late 2013 and our time is filling up with trips and visits to our daughters' families (including five grandchildren) in Missouri. We reached the 500 mark in SCUBA dives on Thanksgiving Day 2012, but we think it might be time to turn to other interests after 20 years of successful diving all over the world. I still make at least one hike a year in the White Mountains and plan to do more. We continue to spend a week every September on Mt. Desert Island biking and hiking. Best wishes to all." • We report with regret the death of **Betsy Eckfeldt** on Aug. 13 at her home in Roxbury, Vt. Betsy taught preschool at Waitsfield Elementary School for many years. According to an obit placed by the family, she and husband Norm Vandal lived in a house that they began building 40 years ago, "surrounded by their flower and vegetable gardens, and trails through the woods where they walked, skied, and snowshoed." Betsy also was a library trustee and grant writer, a creator of literacy programs for the Vermont Humanities Council, a summer camp director, and a yoga teacher. From the obit: "One of Betsy's greatest pleasures was teaching yoga and mindfulness meditation to youngsters. In her career as a teacher, she learned how helpful yoga postures and mindfulness can be to children, particularly those with special needs." In addition to her husband, Betsy is survived by a son, Nathaniel '06, a daughter, Emily '02, and an extended and loving family.

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72 **Mark Carolla** sends us news of what he has been doing these last four decades, and it has been an interesting ride. Mark

completed active military service and received a master's in foreign affairs at the Univ. of Virginia. He was hired by the Defense Intelligence Agency as a China ground forces and logistics analyst. Some of his experiences included getting to fly in helicopters in the Berlin Air Traffic Control Zone over the Soviet Zone; patrol the Berlin Wall; meet fellow officers in exchanges in European pine forests; serve as a defense diplomat in arms control negotiations ending the Cold War; graduate from the Inter-American Defense College; play a part in ending the 1998 Peru-Ecuador Conflict; work in the Middle East peace process; stare down an AK-47's business end in the Middle East; and get to study and write about history, aviation, and railroads. Mark retired from federal service in January 2012. He immediately "reinvented" himself as a contract consulting instructor in aviation security for the Montreal- and Geneva-based International Air Transport Association's Training and Development Institute. He also substitute teaches high school Spanish, German, and French, as well as social studies and he does Spanish language international security curriculum development and translating. Having taught himself Brazilian Portuguese, he does similar work for Brazil. He and his wife Leeann are living in Herndon, Va., about three miles from Dulles Airport. They have two grown daughters and are grandparents of a lovely six-year-old granddaughter. They're always eager to hear from Middlebury folks and are eager to get involved in Middlebury leadership activities including giving a winter term course! His e-mail is mark.carolla@gmail.com. • **Sylvia Lamson Hutchinson** sent word that she has published *Spiritual Bedrock: Reclaiming Your Inner Connection to Truth*, her first book. She and husband David live in northern Vermont and live by the principles discussed in the book.

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73 New correspondent **Lisa Donati Mayer** writes, "In the *Meeting Midd-Stream* book, which I still take out and reread from time to time, I described myself as having been, contented enough, on the periphery at Middlebury. I continue to read with great interest the (usually sparse) news from our class in the Middlebury newsletter. I'm looking forward to being class correspondent starting in January—and realize that I myself have never sent an update. For me, last summer flew by like no other: two spectacular weeks on my own in Umbria for a music festival—lots of music, wonderfully interesting people, magnificent weather, and terrific food. Then my husband and I spent a week in Ottawa, happily mixing concerts with walking, touring Parliament and the governor's mansion, walking to Quebec, eating Ethiopian and Greek food, and talking, talking, talking. Ottawa had not really been on our agenda: I'm al-

ways eager to return to Europe when we have a chance to vacation: southern France, the Cotswolds, northern Spain, and north/south/east/west in the enchantment of Switzerland. Ottawa turned out to be every bit as much of a lovely destination as all of the others. Like many of you, I imagine, I'm finding being 60+ rewarding and astounding, even with some of the inevitable downsides. Since our 25th reunion, I have returned to teaching, making a shift from foreign language to high school English. It has been a very satisfying career, and my feelings about my impending retirement are decidedly mixed. But I expect time to be agreeably and sometimes productively filled—with more time to write, more time to read, more time to spend with my small grandson, one very enchanting Leonardo. And more travel? A chance to study a foreign language? Some volunteer work? I imagine my list will grow and change as my retirement date and I move closer together. I certainly hope that part of my time will be occupied by reading updates and news from you!"

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74 **REUNION CLASS Susie Panitz** **Fillion** has published her second book, *Pizza in Pienza*. It features her own marvelous paintings. (Who says you can't do anything professionally with a Middlebury College art degree?) The bilingual text tells the story of pizza from the perspective of a girl living in Italy. The book was favorably reviewed last fall by the *New York Times* and *Boston Globe* among others. Bonus feature: Susie's favorite recipe for pizza. • Also making publishing news is **Eileen Rockefeller Growald** with her book, *Being a Rockefeller, Becoming Myself*. Eileen and her book have been featured on CBS Sunday Morning and in the *New York Times*. Eileen writes, "I've just completed six years of writing my memoir, published by Blue Rider Press of Penguin Group. It's been an amazing journey of healing my family: I hope you will enjoy the stories, or at least visit my website and blog: eileenrockefeller.com. I feel blessed to be living in Vermont where I've had a home for 33 years! Hello to all you classmates, and I hope I'll see you at our 40th!" • **No Way Back**, a thriller from the widely published **Andrew Gross**, has been purchased by ABC for a series now scheduled for fall 2014 through Ron Howard's Imagine TV. It's the story of two very different women, one who steps into a hotel room with a guy she should never have, and the other, a Mexican nanny with a lot of secrets from her past. • Cellist **Jane Peatling** has been performing in various churches and other settings a piece she cowrote about a Sarajevo cellist who played for 22 days on the streets during the siege of Sarajevo in the midst of the Bosnian War in the 1990s. Jane and her collaborators have performed the story and music in several forms—cello alone, cello-violin duet, string quartet—in approxi-

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mately 15 settings, including the Western Maryland State Correctional Institution as part of its Veteran's Day program for inmates who had been honorably discharged from the Armed Services. Jane, who recently finished her master's in accounting, also reports that along with her husband, Marlon Barnes, "We are experiencing a grandchild explosion. Our first grandchild is a 14-year-old great soccer player who was joined two years ago by another. From December 2012 to August 2013 we welcomed three new grandchildren to the family. Most likely not a world record, but pretty darned exciting to us." E-mail: janenmar@embarqmail.com. • I (**Greg Dennis**) have been working with Middlebury students pushing to have the College divest out of fossil fuels in its investment portfolio. It's been an invigorating and interesting process, especially comparing today's activists to those when we were students. I find the very dedicated environmentalists on campus to be friendlier, more inclusive, and much less hierarchical. Plus they have a lot to teach all of us.

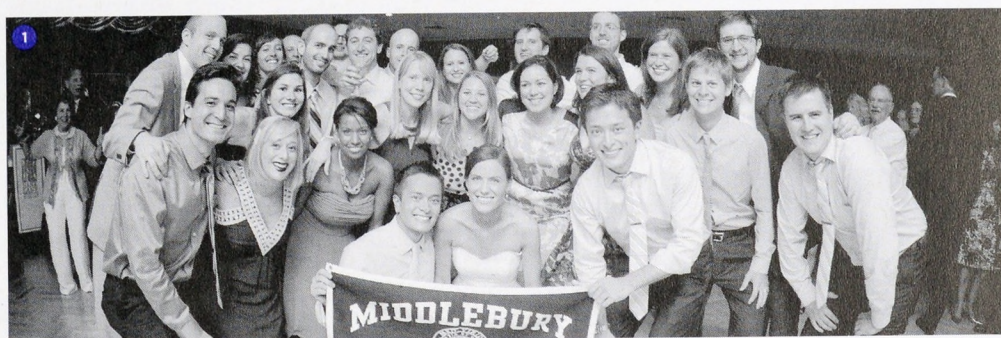
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75 Katherine Smith Ward writes, "John and I are living in the District of Columbia and focusing on nonprofit and aerospace work. During this last of four moves to the D.C. Metroplex, I have been able to see classmates **Lynne Mackay-Atha** and **Emily Baldwin McPhie**. We almost convinced **Helene Staffier O'Brien** to visit from the Boston area for opera at the Kennedy Center. At some point, we'll leave the beauty of Rock Creek Park/Chesapeake Bay to retire in Dallas, Texas, for the winter months and Carmel, Calif., for the summer months. Two rescued Labs are part of the plan.

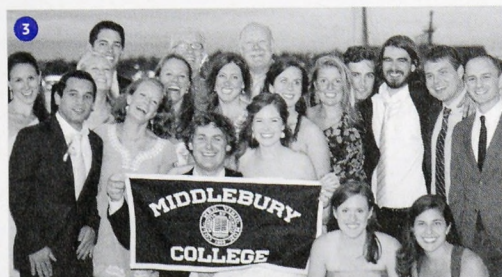
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76 Several friends from the Class of '76 got together for a mini-reunion. Check out a photo on page 81. • Send us your news! —Class Correspondents: Gene O'Neill (otis3024@optonline.net); Betsy Sherman Walker (bsw1915@aol.com).

77 Diane Coplin Hammond has published a sequel to *Hannab's Dream*. Inspired by the whale Keiko of *Free Willy* fame, the novel is entitled *Friday's Harbor* and includes some of the characters from the previous book. Diane was the whale's press secretary in the 1990s at the Oregon Coast Aquarium and later worked at the Free Willy-Keiko Foundation. • **Nancy Eaton Welch** was named the registrar at William Peace Univ. in Raleigh, N.C. —Class Correspondent: Bob Lindberg (rcl@linrip.com).



1 Michael Ratpojanakul '06 married Caryn LoCastro '07 in Mamaroneck, N.Y., on August 18, 2012. Many Midd friends were on hand to celebrate with the couple: the newlyweds, Stephen Ratpojanakul '06, (second row) Ryan Tomberg '07, Lindsay Horner Tomberg '07, Maura Casey Testaverde '07, Aly Putnam '07, Erica Goodman '06, Andrea LaRocca '06, Hannah Delong '06, Jess Van Wagenen O'Rielly '06, Ben Bruno '06, Adam Swick '06, (third row) Dave Schoenholtz '07, Liz Vazquez '07, Virginie Roveillo '07, Brett Crane '07, Eric Merkelson '06, Micah Gurard-Levin '07, Josh Feldman '06, Justin Golenbock '06, Laura Silverman '07, Sam Temes '07, Calvin Garner '06, Lelia Yerxa '06, and Ben Lowenburg '06. Missing from photo: Kirsten Nagel '06 and Eric Roseman '06. 2 Braden Rosenberg '11 and Mindy Marquis '11 were married on September 1, 2012, at Jackson's Lodge in Canaan, Vt. Midd friends who joined the bride and groom in celebrating the night away, drinking Matt Bigl's homebrewed beer, and lounging late at night by a fire included (all '11 unless noted) Megan Nesbeth, Rachael Jennings, Sean Mann-O'Halloran '12, the newlyweds, Emily Rosenkrantz (second row) Will Surrence '10, Sgt. Chris Thompson (Public Safety), Tommy Mayell, Julie Tschirhart, James Schwerdtman, Gregg Miller, Matt Bigl '10, Harrison Brown, John Spencer '10, Courtney Mazzei, Graeme Rosenberg '09, Xian Chiang-Waren, Joe Fallica '10, Madeline Dubner, Luke Rahlson, David Cha '10, and Ming Chan.



3 Megan MacCrellish '08 and Sean Walton '08 were married on July 27, 2012, in Seattle, Wash. Friends and family celebrated with them: (all '08 unless noted) Antoine Gara, Elysian McNiff, the newlyweds, Melissa Thacker Colonno '05, Stephanie Levine, (second row) Sarah Carnabuci, Eleanor Buechner, Jeannie LaPlante, Kira Tenney, Shannon Donegan, Georgia Hoffman, Alec Tarberry, Joe McDonald, Chandler Koglmeier '09, Dan Colonno '02, (third row) John Bambrick, David MacCrellish '80, and Bruce MacCrellish '78. 4 Several Middlebury alumni gathered at the home of Bessie Cromwell Speers '86 in Simsbury, Conn., for a Middlebury Hartford Club alumnae luncheon: Bessie, Carol Osborn Moger '51, Judy Phinney Stearns '56, Ellie Hight Morris '51, Judy VanNostrand Sturgis '67, Jan von Wettberg Cowles '58, Mary Sellman McIntosh '51, Mary Porter Wright '79, Carol Morrison Bingham '81, and Karen Mayfield Seymour '80.

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79 **REUNION CLASS** Mark your calendars for our reunion: June 6–8. It will be a great weekend! • **Jeff Anderholm** writes, “My wife Teri and I are wrapping up our 10th year as innkeeper/owners at the Bass Cottage Inn in Bar Harbor, Maine. Ten years ago I left the corporate life in Boston high tech for a more quiet lifestyle. However, innkeeping has lots of stress on its own—but we love it and have been very successful. The Inn is a luxury boutique property, which operates six months of the year. The other six months of the year we spend at our house in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.” • **Darcy Bonfils** tells us, “I am a producer-writer at *Good Morning America* (GMA) on ABC-TV for Sam Champion, the weather anchor on GMA. I work very closely with Sam, traveling with him to cover everything from the extremes of hurricanes and tornadoes, to the Oscars, Emmys, and Grammys! Plus everything in between! My packed bags for work travel can include rubber waders AND cocktail dresses, because sometimes I have to go from covering a weather disaster right to the red carpet! My work has earned me two Peabody Awards plus four Emmys. I am currently nominated for a fifth Emmy for ABC’s SuperStorm Sandy coverage. In addition, I have been involved in a number of charitable organizations, including Children’s Pressline, which helps children, who may not otherwise get a break, get their first start in journalism. I live in NYC, where I love to run along the Hudson River.” • **Henry Heyburn** writes, “I think of Middlebury frequently. Alicia and I were there a couple of years ago; we spent some time with **Laurie Macaulay Jordan** and left our car at her house while we biked around Lake Champlain. Until last winter I was coaching skiing in some way, shape, or form. We’re doing well in Maine. Our children are 11 and 9 so we’re crashing ahead with life. I’ve begun working for the Chewonki Foundation, which I’ve enjoyed tremendously—challenging but a great place and community. Some time ago when working in LL Bean product design and development, I worked with Chewonki wilderness trip leaders who were doing product testing for us. I remember thinking at the time that it seemed like a really cool place. Alicia recently received a master’s in conservation studies and is working as a project manager for the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust. I see a number of soon to be, current, and former Midd students at Chewonki. Steve Kerchner ’81 teaches in the Chewonki Semester School and I’ve really enjoyed getting to know him. **Beth Mooney Longcope**’s daughter, Claire, was at the Chewonki Semester School last year. I spent some time with **Rob Rowe** while in D.C. last spring. It was really great to see him.” • **Annie Somers**

works in Killington, Vt., which she loves, “with the ski world, mountains, and sights like bears here and there.” She still performs music (mainly rock and some folk and blues) with a trio called Three Way Street, as well as doing other projects. She has been involved in helping feral and long-term stray cats for many years and volunteers as an advocate with Downeast Emergency Medicine Institute (DEEMI), a search and rescue group. When a person goes missing, Annie contacts the family to ask if they would like DEEMI to assist in the search. She has two adult sons, Luke and Tyler. She writes, “In the late ’80s, **Carol Youngs Reed** and I were in LazyBoy and the Recliners and we tried to put the band back together about three years ago. It was a joy to sing and play music with Carol again and always has been! My freshman roommate, Susie Tracy Moore ’78, found me on Facebook and I crashed their reunion last summer with Susie’s invite. It was wonderful to see Susie! Although raining some, it was a beautiful night, under the tents and with fireworks and music. We went to Pearson’s Lounge afterward and while we stood outside on the steps, the weather cleared, the night was gorgeous, and classmates were sitting on the lawn, or in Adirondack chairs and on the stairs looking out over to the Château and Battell, like old times. Some of the most intelligent, well-worded conversations and hilarious humor took place once again! The Midd spirit is alive and always inspiring!” • **Marion Taylor** has founded her own gap-year consulting business working with both high school and college students interested in taking time out to explore outside the traditional educational setting. Perfect for a February admit at Midd! International and domestic opportunities include volunteer and community service, internships, travel and language immersion, and environmental and wilderness programs. Check out her website: taylorthegap.com. • **Kate Manning** has a second novel out entitled *My Notorious Life*. She writes, “I’m pretty psyched to see that it has been getting some great reviews. *O, The Oprah Magazine* called it ‘a daring page-turner,’ and Sara Nelson, editor at Amazon, said it’s ‘a big fat fierce novel that begins with a scene so provocative we dare you to try to stop reading.’ (Hope you’ll take that dare.) Otherwise, the youngest of our three kids has escaped our clutches and is off to college, and I’m teaching sporadically (at the wonderful Bard High School Early College in Manhattan) and working on a new book. This current one would never have been written without a longtime writing partnership—since freshman year at Midd!—with my dear friend, the children’s book author **Roberta Baker**. Publishing has happily brought me back in touch with old Middlebury friends **Anne Orrick Barton** and my unforgettable freshman roommate **Janet Jones Shipp**, who, much to my delight, showed up to surprise me at bookish events in Connecticut.” For more about Kate’s book, see page 56. • Thanks to everyone who sent us information. We really want to hear from the rest of you!

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80 **Henry Pitney** writes, “I am in the midst of a career transition after a number of years as a lawyer in public service in the international development arena. I’m working on a new business, which as we know is inherently risky. Therefore, I am also keeping my nose to the ground for interesting legal and corporate executive jobs. Inadequate time to study Chinese and Spanish! As they say in those languages, *kexi* and *que lastima* (unfortunately and regrettably)!” • **Ann Teasdale** is living between Nantucket, Mass., and Carbondale, Colo. “I have just sent my eldest daughter to Bates. My younger is a sophomore at Colorado Rocky Mountain School. I have two shops on Nantucket in the core district, Annie and the Tees and Three Girls and a Dog. Stop in if in the neighborhood.” • As of this issue, **Susie Rohardt Strater** has stepped down as a class correspondent and **Annie Hartmann Philbrick** and **Robin Howe** are joining **Annie Cowherd Kallaber**. Many thanks to Susie for all her years as a correspondent!

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81 Last January, **Marcy Parlow Pomerance** started a new job as the managing editor at the *New England Review*, which is a literary magazine published by the College. In close proximity to her second home in Middlebury, this job gives Marcy lots of excuses to spend time in Vermont. • News came that **Michael Price** and wife Wendy started off on a trip to Italy to celebrate their new empty nest sometime in September. All was fabulous until Michael contracted a mysterious illness and, after some time in a hospital in Italy, was flown by private Learjet back to Boston and Mass General Hospital. Thanks to massive amounts of antibiotics and a lot of rest (and love and care), he has improved. As of late October, his MRI indicated significant improvement to his spine, well beyond the doc’s expectations. The risk factor was tremendous so Michael, Wendy, and all their relatives and friends are incredibly relieved. As of mid November, Michael reported that he was at about 85 percent, was working 5–6 hours a day, and expected to be off all the meds soon. So keep Michael in your thoughts—this surely serves to remind us all—enjoy life, it can take a turn very quickly! • **Carolyn Bausch** is on her way to what she hopes will be a fulfilling nursing career with a specialty in geriatrics. In September, she began work at Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Middlebury. She is working as a geri-aide and helping implement a program called Namaste Care, a new model of care designed to improve the

quality of life for people with advanced dementia. Namaste is a Hindu term that means "to honor the spirit within." The program seeks to engage residents and their families in activities that facilitate connection, enjoyment, and peace in this latter stage of life. She is studying to become a licensed nursing assistant and hopes to pass the state licensing exam at the end of January. She'll soon begin classes in prerequisites she needs to apply to nursing school. • **Sim Hutner** has taken his new film, *Harlem Street Singer*, which he directed and edited, on the road. St. Louis, NYC, Anchorage, and Boston have been some of the stops. At the St. Louis International Film Festival, it won the Audience Choice Award for Best Documentary! In November, the film made its UK debut at the Leeds International Film Festival. The film is a documentary about the Reverend Gary Davis, who was blind since birth and was an early blues performer who had large influence on all folk and blues musicians who came after him, including the Grateful Dead's Bob Weir, David Bromberg, and Peter, Paul, and Mary's Peter Yarrow. **Marcy Pomerance** and I (**Elaine King Nickerson**) attended the showing in Boston and saw, in addition to the director (and his adorable four-year-old son, Simeon), **John Harris** and **Peter Doelger**. In November at the "sold out for weeks in advance," **Jay Petrow** was a lucky ticket holder. Oh and Sim and wife Lucy also have a baby girl, Julia, born in August! —Class Correspondents: Carolyn Bausch (cbausch@verizon.net); Elaine King Nickerson (eknick@aol.com); Marcy Parlow Pomerance (pomerance@comcast.net).

82 **Jonathan Kamien** writes, "I'm living in Malvern, Pa., with my wife of 23 years, Leslie Amass, and my daughter of 5.5 years, Skylar Kamien Amass. Parenthood, following 17 years of being DINKS, is a trip!" • **Judy Bonzi** writes, "In September, I was a presenter for Pecha Kucha Rockland—Pecha Kucha (chitchat in Japanese) is an event where presenters from a variety of fields tell the story of their work using 20 slides and 20 seconds per slide. Also my table, Rorschach's Table, was in *Fine Woodworking* in the fall and is being exhibited in Maine Wood 2014." • **Ginia Van Vranken Ziobro** writes, "I'm happy to be a Midd parent. My son, Geoffrey, is settling into Battell North. I was so confused when I entered the dorm as they have turned my old room into the Commons office! It took me a while to realize why my bearings were off. He even has one of my professors for his freshman seminar course. I am so looking forward to having an excuse to visit more often. Our next reunion will be the year Geoffrey graduates. My dad is on the same Midd reunion cycle, too. How fun will that be?" • **Laura TenBroeke Rumbough** writes, "We still love living here near Middlebury—it's been five years now! Doug and I are really enjoying the empty-nester-thing. We're taking advantage of all that life up here has to offer—great biking, hiking,

College events, and skiing. I'm excited to welcome my busy season, advising families about camps and summer programming, and I'll be hosting camp fairs in Darien, Conn., and on Long Island this winter. Doug's new venture, ADK Packworks, is doing great! Located in Vergennes, it's an innovative bag company, reinventing the traditional Adirondack Packbasket. If any friends and classmates are passing through Midd this winter, please look us up. We'd love to see you!" • **Hal** and **Ann Murphy Burroughs** report, "Our oldest son, Charlie, graduated a year ago from Oberlin College with a major in environmental studies. He is now working at the Danforth Plant Science Center, a nonprofit research organization. He's living in St. Louis, so we enjoy seeing him often. Our middle child, Tim, is a senior at the Univ. of Michigan, where he is double majoring in economics and art history, which pleases both of his parents. Last summer he enjoyed an internship at Sotheby's in NYC. Who knows where he'll end up after graduation? Our youngest, Molly, just started her freshman year at Williams. She's on the crew team and will run track this spring. She's enjoying life on campus and we're glad for an excuse to visit New England. Hal has become quite a cyclist and completed America's Most Beautiful Ride, a century ride around Lake Tahoe, last June with his sister. I'm now working at the St. Louis Art Museum full time and would love to take any Midd visitors on a tour of our new building!" • **Dave** and **Carol O'Connor-Fischer** dropped their youngest son off at UVM last August for his first year. They report majestic mountain views from his dorm window and hope great thoughts will be inspired. They took advantage of being there to visit Middlebury and check out the campus, which was in pristine shape for the incoming class.

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83 With the winter edition of the magazine, we (**Victoria Seiden Gonin** and **Allison Burroughs**) take over as class correspondents. Many, many thanks to **Siobhan Leahy Ulrich** and **Ruth Kennedy** for doing such awesome work with this column for so many years! • **Anne Sudkamp** is designing and manufacturing clothing accessories with a northern flair from Alaska. One kid is away at college (Bates), and one attends a local high school. A husband, two dogs, and, occasionally, a cat round out home life in the far. • **Todd Miller** has been living in Burlington, Vt., for 25 years and remains amazed that it has been 30 years since our Midd graduation. He's doing some freelance writing and is (finally) using his history degree more now than he did during his previous 20-year career at UVM's College of Medicine. • **Meredith Anderson** lives in Boston and works at the Cambridge office of a British consulting firm as the U.S. payroll manager. She went to Buenos Aires on vacation, fell

in love with the tango, and now takes tango lessons. She also volunteers as a docent with Boston by Foot. The Dark Side of Boston is the new tour she's giving. If anyone wants to hear about disease, murder, the mafia, rat baiting, or grave robbing, let her know! She gets together frequently with **German "Skip" Crisostomo**, who is a psychiatrist and also living in Boston. • In Massachusetts, **Kathy Pelton Murphy** loves living on the Cape with husband Tom and son Andrew and works as a French and Spanish teacher at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. Andrew is a high school senior and applied to Midd. Kathy and Tom would love to see any members of the Class of '83, who want to visit the Cape! • **John Nelson** is also offering hospitality! He has been pastor at Niantic (Conn.) Community Church for six years. He earned a Doctor of Ministry in preaching at Chicago Theological Seminary a few years back. When he and Angela get time off they spend it in Great Barrington, Mass., where they have a house with a big kitchen and good space for guests! • **Roy Giarrusso** has been enjoying Middlebury again! Son Tim is a sophomore and on the lacrosse team. They are optimistic that their youngest son, Harry, will also attend Midd and are very much looking forward to having both boys up there and playing together. His oldest, Emmy, is a vocalist finishing up at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Roy celebrated the 20th anniversary of his law firm, Giarrusso Norton Cooley & McGlone, with his three partners this past summer. He is an environmental trial lawyer and actually uses what he learned at Midd as an environmental studies major. • **Ellen Hereford Thompson** is still reliving the fun moments from our 30th reunion. She and **Nina Beardsley Itin** and **Rachel Grynberg** all live in Colorado and all managed to make it back to Midd! On the Thursday before reunion, they stopped by **Bunny Mauran Merrill's** farm to meet up with **CC Bitting Cunningham**, and **Betsy Briggs Feighan** for their very own soap-making demonstration. **Bunny** and **Peter Merrill** have a company called Elmore Mountain Farm. Check out all their great goat milk products on their website. Per Ellen: "For all those who couldn't make the reunion: watch out! **Ted Truscott** and I are vowing to get double the amount of people to come to the 35th—mark your calendars now!" • **Carey MacFarland Lennox** reports that while many—though not all—of our classmates are shipping their children off to college, she and husband Scott are busy with extremely energetic Mac (12), who is currently navigating the roller coaster of middle school. He was very disappointed not to come to the 30th reunion and visit Peter and Bunny's farm, where he loved fishing, frog hunting, and milking the goats after our 25th reunion. Carey is in her 18th year at Holly Hunt, a.k.a. the crazy world of design and custom furniture/fabric/lighting, etc. She is thankful for all her French and Italian classes at Middlebury when trying to deal with the foreign designers. She and her family love Chicago and would love to catch up with any Midd

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visitors! • Although **Pam Chasek** was unable to make it to our reunion, she did meet up with **Sue Bayler Kotila** in San Jose, Calif., in April and **Hugh Coyle** in New York in June. She is now a full professor of international relations at Manhattan College in the Bronx and continues to edit the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* on UN environmental negotiations. She traveled to five new countries this past year, after 18 years of limited travel while raising Sam (a freshman at Oberlin) and Kai (10th grade): Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands with her students; Japan for a conference, and South Korea, Jamaica, and Seychelles for UN meetings. The sixth edition of her textbook, *Global Environmental Politics*, came out in July. But perhaps her proudest moment was watching Sam win awards and graduate from the Bronx High School of Science in June, having successfully completed 13 years in the NYC public school system. • **Sue Kotila** was sorry to have missed reunion. Her oldest son, Andrew, graduated from Gettysburg College, and they were in Pennsylvania for his graduation. She was happy she got to see Midd friends who made it out to California this year (**Renee Shattuck Haynes** and **Pam Chasek**). Daughter Emma is at CSU Stanislaus, and Sue's youngest, Matthew, is gearing up for the whole college search. They just got a couple of kayaks and are having fun taking them out. • Please try to keep us posted on what you are up to. We'd love to hear from as many of you as possible this year. Lots of interesting doings with our class as we all continue to mature like a fine Bordeaux wine!

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84 REUNION CLASS Margot Mann writes, "To my joy and amazement both my children are now at Middlebury: Eric '15 and Julia Hass '17. They're loving it. It's been fun to see it through their eyes and to witness how a great college has evolved into something even more: the exquisite sense of place, appreciation of community, and variety of intellectual experiences are more vivid than ever. It was also great to catch up with **Liz Robinson** and to bump into **Mike Maxwell** and **Brian O'Day** at move-in weekend in the fall." • **Elizabeth Eppes Winton** adds: Finally, please be sure to mark your calendars for June 6–8. We will be celebrating our 30th reunion! **Sally Burke McNamara**, **Tom Steinle**, and I are coordinating the Class of 1984 reunion planning—so do what you can to join us. The more the merrier!

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85 Greetings to our fellow Midd 1985 classmates! For many of us, this was the BIG 5-0 year, and there seems to be comfort among us that we are not alone in this milestone in

our lives. To celebrate the big event, a group of "Midd Goddesses" (**Nancy Urner-Berry**, **Debbie Payne**, **Jennifer Karin Sidford**, **Toni Mauck Butterfield**, **Debbie Tripp Budden**, and **Laura Bull Bailey**) collectively celebrated their 50th birthdays in the White Mountains of New Hampshire by zip-lining the tree tops of Bretton Woods, hiking in Franconia, and enjoying Saint Germain cocktails poolside at the home of **Toni Butterfield**. Now that's how you do it, girls! • **Matt Dawson's** travel schedule in 2013 was busy. "I've been working on the design of a new science center in Tianjin, China, a new film museum in Donyang, China, and an overhaul to the heritage attraction Royal Dockyards in Portsmouth, UK. I work for a design firm called Forrec and live in Toronto, Canada. Kristen and I have two beautiful daughters, Eloise (3.5) and Cosima (1)." • **Laura Ottaviano Copic** writes, "I traveled to Italy last June with my sister and mother to celebrate our respective 50th, 40th, and 80th birthdays. We hiked, ate and wine-toured our way through the beautiful, medieval hill towns of Tuscany, and then ended our trip in Florence. I had been reading Dan Brown's latest book, *Inferno* (which features some interesting art and history of Florence), when I happened to run into the author himself on our last day at a rooftop bar along the Arno. The perfect end to the perfect trip. Florence has changed quite a bit since I visited in 1984 with **Ruth Lohmann Davis** and **Denah Lohmann Toupin** during our Middlebury semester in France. While visiting my aunt and uncle in Italy during spring break, the blond, Californian Lohmann twins turned quite a few Italian heads. Now they're the New Englanders and I'm the blond Californian—only at 50, I'm not exactly turning heads ;-)." Laura, Ruth and I beg to differ with you. You are STILL turning heads! • On the domestic front, we heard from **Don Hall**: "This past summer our family of four did a great road trip, driving from Seattle to Montana and Wyoming. The highlights of the trip included whitewater rafting down the Snake River and hiking in Grand Teton National Park. We also had the chance to spend meaningful time with my mom and dad in Livingston, Mont., a few weeks before my dad passed away at age 86." Don, we're sorry for your loss. We have all reached that point in our lives when we are starting to say goodbye to people, including our parents, and it's hard. • We also heard from **Mary Rolph Lamontagne**, who is now a published author. She writes, "My book *Eats: Enjoy All the Seconds* was published in June. My cookbook is all about reducing waste in the kitchen by repurposing rather than throwing out leftovers. The book is color coded and then divided into fruits and vegetables though it is not only for vegetarians. I created this book after spending the past few years training chefs in Southern African bush camps. I've been traveling through the Northeast U.S., Toronto, and Montreal doing signings and TV and radio interviews." In September she visited Boston, where she met with Midd alums Randy

Mahoney '83 and Andrew Friendly '91 at a book-signing event. She then headed down to NYC to visit **Maura Riccobene Bulkeley** for her birthday. Mary also participated in a TV segment for *Inside Edition* before continuing on to Delaware, where she did a Q & A with Governor Jack Markell's wife, Carla. Check out more about Mary on page 82. • On a very sad note, **Jennifer Croland Luethke** died in January 2013. She lived in Haworth, N.J., and is survived by husband Michael and her four sons (Andrew, Benjamin, Michael, and William). Our hearts go out to her family and friends. • Please keep us posted about your lives, all. We love to hear from you! You can also find us on Facebook.

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86 **Jeffrey Berkman** has published a book on due diligence in business transactions involving closely held businesses. *Due Diligence and the Business Transaction: Getting a Deal Done* (Jeffrey W. Berkman, Apress 2013) is a practical guide for anyone buying or selling a privately held business or entering into a major agreement with another company or business partner. • We are pleased to announce that **Ann Albern Olmsted** has joined our correspondent team. Thanks, Ann! Her e-mail is ann.olmsted64@gmail.com.

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87 We'd love to hear from you! Send us news! —Class Correspondents: Tom Funk (tomfunk@gmail.com); Elizabeth Ryan O'Brien (obrien@bigwhoop.com).

88 **Paolo Bonetti** writes, "After nine years in the organic wine business in Boulder, Colo., I have joined the executive team at Madhava Natural Sweeteners. This is a great opportunity to join a fast-growing company and a booming natural product category. I'm still in Boulder and happily married to Tiphaine with three kids, 12, 9, and 6." • **Diana Stuart Sinton** continues to expand her work in the geographic information systems (GIS) world by becoming the new executive director of the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science. This nonprofit organization serves to advance the research and education agendas of its member institutions in higher education. • **Michael Lounsbury** writes, "All is great for me in Canada. I'm an associate dean for research at the Univ. of Alberta. I'm married to Kristin Coviello Lounsbury '94 and we're enjoying two wonderful kids—Valerie (8) and Corey (6). I'm most proud of coaching my boy's under-6 soccer team to an undefeated season last spring."

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89 **REUNION CLASS** **Langdon Cook** has published a new book titled *The Mushroom Hunters: On the Trail of an Underground America*. Realizing how important wild mushrooms are in the four-star restaurant world, he investigated the methods by which the mushrooms are collected in the wilderness. And as Bill McKibben comments, "If you've never thought of using the words 'mushroom' and 'adventure' in the same sentence, this gripping book will force you to reconsider!"
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90 **Parker Vaughey** lives in Princeton, N.J., with his wife Lynn, twin girls Ryan and Elliot (9) and son Aidan (12). He works for Hudson's Bay Company, which ironically just acquired Saks, Inc.—Parker's first employer out of Middlebury. He occasionally runs into **Victoria Vitrano Hamilton** in town. • **Jill Danieli** lives in Atlanta and works as a senior customer marketing manager in the national foodservice and on-premise group at Coca-Cola. In her spare time, she's involved in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program as a coach for marathon and half marathon teams and chairman of the Corporate Team Committee. She's completed 21 half marathons and competed in her first Half Ironman triathlon in the fall. • **Jeff Bograd** lives in Hopkinton, Mass., with wife **Karen (Thayer)** and kids Nick (17), Emma (14), and Harrison (9). He has worked for New York Life Retirement Plan Services since two weeks after our graduation and now manages the company's retirement consulting practice. Karen worked at New York Life, as well, for 17 years but now is focused on the kids and volunteering. • **Denny Taylor** is a managing consultant in the NYC office of YSC, a London-based firm of business psychologists, where he does executive coaching, development, and team effectiveness. He moved with wife Alex and two boys last year to Darien, Conn., after several decades of living in Brooklyn and NYC. • **Paul and Amy Carmola Hauf** live in Richmond, Vt., with son William (10) and daughter Anna (7). Paul is an institutional fixed-income broker with Carolina Capital Markets and Amy is the director of community impact and volunteer mobilization for the United Way of Chittenden County. William's hockey team was state champions last year under Paul's fine mentoring. • **Khalid Quadir** is the CEO and founding partner of Brummer & Partners (Bangladesh), which manages the Bangladesh-focused Frontier Fund, a private equity fund. Following graduation, Khalid worked for several Wall Street firms, including CIBC Capital, and was also a Fellow at Stanford Business School. While working in the U.S., he helped his older brother, Iqbal Quadir, to set up Grameenphone, the first mobile telecom company in Bangladesh, in partnership with Grameen Bank and Telenor of Norway. Today, it is the largest mobile operator in the country



1 Celebrating the wedding of Colleen Bramhall '00 and Adam Popkin '00 (in front) on August 11, 2012, in Grand Isle, Vt., were many Middlebury friends: (all '00 unless noted) Jason Wyman '99, Jenny Morgan, David Babington, Kate McCosker Conklin, David Barreda, (second row) Phoebe Chase, Isaac Ro, Jme McClean, Gwendolyn Rogers Flickinger, Katie Zug Volkmar, Lucy Roberts Henry, Thomas Henry '98, (third row) Jessica Christian, Josh Nothwang, Caroline Bevelander, Ted Adler '99, Tim Dewey-Mattia, Nathaniel Bryan, Peter Walsworth, (down the stairs) Erik Townsend '97, Amy Diller Kelsey '97, Katy Meyer Abbott '94, Marika Allanson Krull '98, Marisa Budwick Bissonette, Jessica Szubart, John Volkmar (Midd spouse), and Chris Orchard. **2** A group of friends from the Class of 1976 celebrated at their annual mutual admiration society house party: Paula Raphael Crowley, Anne West, Wanda Seeley Stetson, Betsy Sherman Walker, and Jill Cowperthwaite. **3** Jess Van Wagenen '06 married Liam O'Rielly in Shelburne, Vt., on June 23, 2012. A large group of Middlebury friends attended the wedding at Shelburne Farms: (all '06 unless noted) Steve Ratpojanakul, Mike Ratpojanakul, Caryn LaCastro '07, Eric Merkelson, Clark Smith, Amy McCowan Smith '08, Kristen Peterjohn Brown '90, Daisy Brown '16, Kate Horvitz, the newlyweds, Lelia Yexa, Fran Filippelli Carson, Jess Hallett, Elise Burditt, Kelly Boyle, Allie Green, (second row) Josh Carson, Josh Feldman, Katie Clagett, Lauren Van Wagenen '08, Joe Brown '90, Doug Barr '69, Rachel Durfee, Calvin Garner, CC Ragan, Grace Kronenberg Coriell, Dave Coriell, Darryl Etter, and Pete Wolkowski.



4 On July 21, 2012, Matt Skoglund '01 officiated at the wedding of Elizabeth Renehan '06 and Dan Skoglund '05 at Gedney Farm, in New Marlborough, Mass. Many Midd friends helped the couple celebrate: Levi Doria '05, Maggie Smith Chaviano '04, Courtney Campbell Kennedy '04, Mike Kennedy '04, Siobhan Redmond Murphy '06, Amanda Green Helming '03, Beth Seeley Dietz '05, the newlyweds, Ali Perencevich '06, Char Glessner Monié '04, Ramsay Hill '06, Channing Weymouth '06, Chris Cotter '05, Damien Chaviano '04, (second row) Patrick Nugent '05, Andrew Helming '04, Amber Rydberg West '06, Matt Skoglund '01, Mike Murphy '04, Jordan MacClary Tobey '05, Ben Tobey '04, Katherine Entwisle '08, Kim Walker '07, Kate Perry '07, (third row) John West '04, Charles Gately '62, Adam Foote '04, Erick Dalton '04, Craig Hirsh '05, Janie Mackey Foster '06, Michele Bergofsky Hornok '06, Claire Edelen '07, Natalie Shettle Herter '07, Aaron Herter '06, and John Dawson '04.

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MARY ROLPH LAMONTAGNE

was training chefs in a bush camp in Botswana when she had her "light bulb" moment. The camp was low on provisions, and old, uneaten leftovers were building up in the refrigerator. Shipping garbage out was expensive, and food was delivered only once a week. Not only that, but monkeys and hyenas intruded camps and wreaked havoc with supplies. She needed to find a way to create delicious dishes with what she had and not waste food.

She began to experiment with recipes and methods for using leftovers. Extra carrots from a main dish of braised maple ginger carrots could be mashed to make a carrot cake, carrot fritters, or carrot hummus. Too many sweet potatoes from dinner could be made into sweet potato buttermilk waffles. Her creativity with leftovers has

been chronicled in her recipe book *EATS: Enjoy All the Seconds*, which shows how to convert the edible fruits and vegetables often tossed into the garbage into healthy meals. Mary has become an ardent sustainable-food and composting advocate as a result.

Her career path has gone from being an art major at Middlebury, to training as a chef in Paris, to owning an event-planning company in Montreal. Moving to South Africa in 2005 with her family, she became a food consultant for hotels and began her work in the bush camps. Her mission has been to help in job creation, skills training, and social development in the hospitality industry. But mainly she'd like to inspire people to become as passionate about sustaining and stretching their food supply as she is.



with nearly 60 million subscribers. Based in part on Khalid's experience with Grameenphone, he started the wireless broadband company bracNet, which led to the initial idea of forming the partnership to launch the private equity fund, Brummer & Partners. Khalid is married to Maliha Quadir (also from Bangladesh), a Smith College and Harvard Business School graduate. They have two daughters, Anushka (8) and Sophie (2). Khalid commutes between family life in Singapore and work life in Dhaka. • More locally, **Eliza Wilson Ingle** says life in Charleston, S.C., is great, with three daughters and one looking at colleges for next year! Eliza has been teaching dance at the College of Charleston for the past 20 years and works as a freelance writer for local publications. She sees **Karen Ruef Meagher**, who lives nearby with her two sons and husband. • **Phoebe Paine Gause** is a family nurse practitioner and recently made a job change after working in family practice for 16 years. She now works for the pre-anesthesia clinic at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. Husband John has been the lawyer for the Maine Human Rights

Commission and will be opening his own practice in Bangor. They have two boys, ages 16 and 13 and they spend their free time hiking, skiing, and enjoying the Maine woods. She has an update on four classmates from a July 2013 hike to the peak of Mt. Lafayette in the White Mountains. The day was spent hiking between Greenleaf and Galehead Huts. **Kristen Potter Farnham** lives in Falmouth, Maine, with husband Bob and their three kids and she recently started working at North Yarmouth Academy as the director of annual giving. **Carolyn Tracey Gill** lives in Concord, Mass., with husband Daren and she works in the Concord schools as a teacher. **Alex Mahoney** lives in Morristown, N.J., and teaches at Newark Academy with her husband, Von. She has two teenagers. **Kristen Homer** lives in Sitka, Alaska, and is also a family nurse practitioner and works at SEARCH/Mt. Edgecumbe High School Student Health Center. She and husband James have two girls. • **Cliff Chafin** has earned his PhD in physics and is looking at some start-up ventures in the Raleigh-Durham, N.C., area. • **Doug Thompson**

writes, "I just published my first book, which is a general interest book on the topic of rivers and fishing. The book, *The Quest for the Golden Trout*, tells the story of how anglers' love of trout fishing helped spur a massive reconfiguration of river ecosystems and economically driven fisheries management, which has ultimately served to distort Americans' perceptions of nature and wildness. My interest in this subject dates back to my undergraduate days as a double major in geography and geology under the tutelage of Bob Churchill and Jack Schmidt (among others)." Doug is the director of the Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment at Connecticut College.

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91 **Grace Garcia Lessing** writes, "I'm still doing the eye MD thing on Long Island. An invitation is open for those who want to take a ride out on our boat on the Great South Bay with

my husband, Doug, and our family, Lexie (16), Jillian (13), and Lindsay (9). Kiteboarding, sailing, and wakeboarding are limited to the warmer months!" • **Karen Hamad** writes, "We had an amazing summer adventure in Alaska, spending time at two unique lodges, having up-close experiences with all kinds of wildlife from whales to grizzlies. There was heli-rafting and mushing with a championship Iditarod dog team—just incredible!" • **Jeremy Braddock** has coedited a book of essays titled *Paris, Capital of the Black Atlantic: Literature, Modernity, and Diaspora*. The essays explore the circulation of ideas, texts, and objects to which travels made to Paris, whether literally or figuratively, by black writers contributed. Jeremy is an associate professor of English at Cornell Univ. • We are very sad to report the passing of classmate **Sean Brady** on August 15. Our deepest condolences go to his friends and family.

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92 Jonathan Loewald made the transition to the corporate communications world this past year and works as a video producer and production manager for athenahealth in Watertown, Mass. Daughter Eliza is seven and son Aiden is four. They live in Sudbury, Mass., and he continues to play rugby "nearly 25 years after first learning the game on Battell Field." • **Jen Jolliff** and Ian Moore '94 live in their self-crafted timber-frame home in Anchorage with son Springer (6). Jen works as a professional artist, painting murals and making large-scale relief wood carvings. Ian has his own GIS programming consulting business. They are avid hikers, sea kayakers, and paragliders and love company! • **Chip Muir** is going through a big transition, retiring from the Navy after 21 years! He writes, "I've been in Newport, R.I., for three years working at the Naval War College, designing, conducting, and analyzing war games for the Navy. This was a great last tour; a lot of fun and hard work. We've created games about the Arctic, the Panama Canal expansion, explored new concepts in Naval strategy, and played with nuclear deterrence issues. I'll miss the flying and the camaraderie of the Navy but it's time to grow up and get a real job. If anyone in the Greater Philadelphia area is hiring, there's a gifted communicator with 20 years of experience leading and directing large organizations available!" • **Kingman Gordon** lives in San Francisco with wife Shelley and sons Stark (5) and Cannon (3). He notes, "It's been a whirlwind. In addition to the usual parenting duties, I left the corporate world (nine years at ESPN and four at the *Wall Street Journal*) and started my own media rep firm. I represent the USA Today Sports Media Group and Financial Times and I'm better at sales than at being an IT person! If anyone is looking for media sales representation in the Northwest or West Coast, let me know!" • **Pat Liu** has moved to Vermont,

where she lives for most of the year. After graduating from business school, she worked in finance. She and husband Alex spend most of their time in Vermont, while at times she "must go back to Manhattan to get my sushi and Chinese food fix." Pat enjoys life in her new house in Wilmington, from where she manages an online business and invites her nieces and nephews to come and learn to ski. • **Fiona McDonald Rose** lives in Ringwood, N.J., with her husband and two daughters (10 and 7). She writes, "I have been swimming a lot at our lake and had a pretty cool accomplishment of swimming the lake (about 3/4 of a mile) in a little over a half an hour. Not a record breaking time but a personal achievement for me!" Fiona has been very involved with the schools in her town, both with the PTO and other volunteer associations. She recently became a trustee on the town's educational foundation, reviewing local educators' grant proposals and awarding funds. She's excited to be a part of something that directly benefits local children. • **Rob Luce** lives in Johannesburg, South Africa, with wife Mary and children Georgia (12) and Oliver (9). He is a music producer and visual effects artist and play drums in two bands: Redhand (blues) and Stray Natives (alt. rock). • **Tom Armbrrecht** writes, "I'm still a professor of French literature at the Univ. of Wisconsin. After getting tenure in 2008, I was my department's associate chair for two years, including leading study abroad programs in Aix-en-Provence (2010) and Paris (2013) for the school. While in Aix, I met my boyfriend, Bernard, also a French professor. Although Dijon is far from Madison, we manage to see each other surprisingly frequently because of similar schedules and my teaching in France occasionally." Tom is working on a second book and preparing to put on a play in French. • **Cynthia Gabriel** and **Felix Paulick** write, "We are the busy parents of three, trying to keep up with eleven-year-old Sylvia's theater and writing interests, nine-year-old Calvin's baseball and soccer interests, and three-year-old son Anju's therapy schedule. Anju was diagnosed with autism last year, and we're happy to report that Anju is doing really well right now." Cynthia teaches anthropology part time at Eastern Michigan Univ. Her research area is cross-cultural issues in childbirth. Her book *Natural Hospital Birth: The Best of Both Worlds* came out in 2010. Felix made a career change out of major league baseball ticket sales and into psychotherapy. The family spent a week vacationing at Lake Dunmore in August. • **Ritu Verma** and **David Bergeron** have lived in Mumbai for four years, with two children (4 and 9). Ritu writes, "David is still working with the consulting firm that he has worked for since grad school though he's changed geographies a few times. After working at some large companies, I've worked in impact investing for the last four years and run my own fund with a partner. It's hard work (and still in progress) but exciting working with start-up entrepreneurs trying to create a social impact with their businesses. We had our annual trip to the

U.S., and thanks to a family reunion, spent a couple hours in Middlebury and at Bristol Falls. We randomly walked into the science building and saw two of our physics profs—even though it was a holiday weekend!" They would love to meet up with other Midd alums who come to Mumbai. • **Allan Reeder** lives with wife Ginna, Jesse (4), and Maisie (2) in Arlington, Mass. Combining his work as an editor with his 12 years of experience as a writing teacher and mentor at Walnut Hill School for the Arts, he is preparing to launch his own business, Hillside Writing, coaching writers of all ages. A new website is in the works.

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93 Please send me your news! I'd love to hear from you.
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94 REUNION CLASS Chris Marshall recently accepted a new position teaching multimedia at High Tech High in San Diego, a charter school leading the way in project-based learning. Chris is also excited to be starting a theater program there, incorporating mixed media and new play development. • In Santa Monica, Calif., **Chris** and Inger Lund '95 **Carter**, with daughter Berit and dog Šarka, welcomed son Killian in April. They enjoyed weekly breakfasts with Chapin Hemphill '93 until his recent move to San Jose, and **Jon Johnstone** and his girlfriend helpfully brought Thai takeout to the new parents. • **Porter Fox's** first book, *Deep: The Story of Skiing and the Future of Snow*, has come out. It's essentially a book about climate change and the end of winter as we know it, in the next 75 years. Bill McKibben was a great help in creating the book. • **Heather Dorf Rawlings** reports she's been skiing (but has been passed in ability by her children) and playing hockey (but not as well as her older son)—basically being humbled by the next generation on a daily basis and loving it. • **Kipp Sutton** recently moved to Bangkok with his wife and two little ones. They'll be there for four years—a nice long posting in a career of country hopping for the government. He looks forward to Midd reunions in Thailand (if such a thing ever happens) and maybe timing will work for a Vermont visit one of these years. • **Peter Savodnik** was on campus in October to give a talk as part of the Meet the Press series. He came to speak about Stateless Media and the direction journalism is heading. Check out the story on middmag.com called "Print Journalism in the Age of Twitter."

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95 With less than 18 months until we celebrate our 20th reunion, we hope June 2015 is on everyone's calendar so that we can catch up in person and enjoy each other's stories. • **Roberta Stewart** writes, "Husband Seth Kaufman and I welcomed baby boy Ajax on December 27, 2012. He joined big sister Helene (4). We were thrilled to get visits at our home in D.C. from honorary aunts **Janine Hetherington** and **Rebecca Plona**, who made the trip from New England for some quality baby holding in Ajax's first weeks in the world. My Midd friends are still my best friends!" • **Anna Nolin** catches us up on all that has been going on in her life: "I'm finishing my doctorate at Boston College in educational leadership and should finish in May! My dissertation is on how superintendents implement 1:1 laptop programs and gain acceptance for them in their local communities and with varied constituencies. I just accepted a new job as the assistant superintendent for teaching, learning, and innovation for the Natick (Mass.) Public Schools. I have been a principal there for the past 10 years and am honored to serve the community in this new role. I also teach as adjunct professor at Educator Leadership Institute at Endicott College and serve as a guest lecturer at the Commonwealth Leadership Academy, both principal training programs. I have recently participated in a two-year changeover of our secondary schools to become 1:1 laptop classrooms and have been experimenting with virtual and blended learning environments to personalize learning for Natick students. I love my job and the students and families I serve. This is what it's like when dreams come true. I couldn't do any of it without my caring and supportive husband, Ben Halpern '93, and our two kids, Ethan (10) and Ava (7), or the friendship of our son's godparents, James '93 and **Erin Eggert Brenner**. It takes a village to be working parents and raise kids these days—and we're grateful for their support and friendship!" • **Dave Kulis** was recently announced as the new VP of marketing at Okemo Mountain Resort. After years in the ski industry from Vermont to Pennsylvania to Idaho, Dave returns to the site of his marriage proposal to wife Randi. The two now have three children and Dave is excited to be back in Vermont working with a great team. • **Caroline Fennessy Campion** has co-authored *Keepers: Two Home Cooks Share Their Tried and True Weeknight Recipes and the Secrets to Happiness in the Kitchen*. Answering that eternal question, "What are you making for dinner tonight," the book is "filled with best-of-their-kind, brag-worthy, crowd-pleasing, fool-proof and reliable recipes." Caroline is a contributing editor at *Glamour* magazine and creator of the blog www.devilandegg.com. • Keep your news flowing through e-mail, as we all enjoy keeping up via class notes. See you in June 2015.

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96 Welcome to **Miguel Vides**, who has agreed to be a class correspondent for our class. And thank you to **Amanda Gordon Fletcher** for all her years gathering news for '96! **Miguel's** latest news is that his second daughter, Katalina, was born on March 2. • **Tiffany Conroy Moore** sent word that she has published a book, *Kozintsev's Shakespeare Films: Russian Political Protest in Hamlet and King Lear*. She lives in Portsmouth, N.H., with her husband and three pet rats and teaches English, Shakespeare, writing, public speaking, and drama among other subjects. • **Rachel Shapiro** and **Marlisa Simonson** returned to campus for Homecoming and ALC this past fall and reconnected with friends from various classes, including Janine Hetherington '95 and Bob Luce '59, and watched Middlebury beat Trinity at football. • **Shamoil Shipchandler** has had a busy year as a federal prosecutor. In mid-2013, as a deputy criminal chief in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas, he received a Dept. of Justice Director's Award for his prosecution of 40 defendants in a wide-ranging mortgage fraud scheme. More recently, he handled the resolution of the Infosys case, which resulted in a \$35 million payment by Infosys to the federal government to resolve allegations of systemic visa fraud, a punishment that is the highest in U.S. history for immigration violations. Shamoil supervises the office in Plano, Texas, and prosecutes white-collar criminal cases. • **Jennifer Jay Bass** writes, "I'm working as a licensed and certified professional midwife in the Greater Phoenix, Ariz., area. My four kids have become accustomed to their mom's odd schedule and sporadic absences." • **Tonya Eza** writes, "Over the summer I went to New York and saw Nick Taranko '95 and Rev. Harold Wheat '95, as well as Wayne Seifried '97. We had a blast catching up and walking into Harold's church unannounced in order to surprise him! In October I marked my one-year anniversary of ordination as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as well as my one-year anniversary of serving at Hope Lutheran Church in Powell, Wyo. I'm located 80 miles east of Yellowstone, so if you find yourself in the area, please stop by!" • **Laura Thomas** writes, "My husband, Andy Dosmann, and I just moved to San Francisco! I'm still working for the National Geographic Channel and he is teaching at Stanford Univ. We'd love to know who else is in the Bay Area!" • **Gregory Lewicki** sent word that daughter Eva Lampke-Lewicki was born on October 17. • **Margaret Seiche** has been living with her family in Beijing for the past eight years. She works part time on economic research at Market News International as well as volunteering as the treasurer for the PTA at Dulwich College Beijing. During summer vacations, they have visited with **Yim Lee**, **Alexis Holtzman**, and **Tonya Eza** in NYC and **Mona Zhao** in New Jersey. • **Dan O'Brien** and Jessica St. Clair '98 welcomed their first child, Isobel Kelly O'Brien, on

October 1. In less exciting news, Dan's play *The Body of an American* was awarded the PEN USA drama prize in literature and is having its European premiere this January at London's Gate Theatre. His debut poetry collection, *War Reporter*, won the UK's prestigious Aldeburgh Prize. And Jessica's new comedy, *Playing House*—cocreated, cowritten, and costarring—will premiere on USA Network in March.

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97 **Jason Tandon** has published a new book of poetry, *Quality of Life*, which is his third collection. His poetry and reviews have appeared in a number of literary journals both in print and online. He teaches in the College of Arts and Sciences Writing Program at Boston Univ. • Congratulations to **Pete Johnson**, who was named Vermont Small Business Person of the Year last June for his savvy and persistence in overcoming adversity after his Pete's Greens' barn burned. • Derek and **Amy Starr Redwine** recently relocated to Cleveland Heights, Ohio, where Derek was called as head of staff of Fairmount Presbyterian Church. Amy left her role as associate pastor of discipleship at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Akron, Ohio, for the move and is searching for a new ministry position. In the meantime, she is at home with their three children, Sarah (8), Quinn (6), and George (2). • **Heather Barrett Sanborn** is a co-owner of Rising Tide Brewery, a small family-owned brewery in Portland, Maine. They've been selling in Maine and Massachusetts and last year began selling in Vermont. Started in 2010 with a one-barrel system, they now have a 15-barrel brewhouse.

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98 Kevan '97 and **Katie Whittlesey Comstock** are thrilled to announce that they welcomed their baby GIRL, Avery Cronwall Comstock, on November 1. Cronwall is Katie's mom's maiden name and gives a shout out to the Swedish side of the family. Spencer and Will are Avery's proud big brothers. • **Karu Kozuma**, who was serving as the interim associate vice provost at UPenn, was named associate vice provost for student affairs. He serves as the vice provost's chief deputy in all matters involving undergraduate, graduate, and professional student affairs, activities, and programming.

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99 **REUNION CLASS Dave Sterrett** joined Public Citizen as a health-care counsel, serving as the organization's Capitol Hill lobbyist on FDA issues, Medicare, and

provider payment reform. Dave also continues to invest in real estate and advise real estate investment clients as a real estate agent for Keller Williams. • **Ben Newman** writes, "I opened a new restaurant in late July. The Barrelman in Marblehead, Mass., serves classic American pub food, as well as many craft beers (including Otter Creek, of course). I'm still living in Boston with wife Kirsten and sons Graeme (2.5) and Rhys (9 mos.)." • **Ashley Waddell** writes, "We survived the Great Colorado Floods of 2013: no damage to our house or property but there was terrible destruction all around, including washed-out roads that likely won't be rebuilt for months, and people stranded in mountain towns that became 'islands' accessible only by helicopter. Mark your calendars, friends: our 15-year reunion is June 6-8, and we will be there!" • **Anita Chávez-Berry** reports, "My husband and I are now teaching in Nagoya, Japan. We moved here last month from Chengdu, China. Visitors welcome!" • **Hedda Berntsen** writes, "I'm training like a Panther for the Sochi Olympics. I tried a few weeks in an office last June, but soon realized being a professional athlete is the best." • **Ted Adler** reports that both **Jon Abodeely** and **Jason Wyman** had babies last summer. Jason adds that his son Alden Dean Wyman was born on July 17. As for Ted, he writes, "I'm back in Vermont after three years going between Burlington and Boston. Abigail completed her residency and is now an attending pediatric hospitalist at Fletcher Allen. We just bought a house on Cliff Street in Burlington. My commute to Union Street Media went from 180 steps at my old place on Howard Street to a full three blocks." • This fall **Scott Wiercinski** had his first season as the head coach of the Bowdoin men's soccer team. In September they played Middlebury and ended up with a 1-1 tie after two overtimes.

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00 Paul and **Lena Watts Flannery** are thrilled to announce the arrival of son Kieran James Flannery on September 16. They're settling into life as a family of three in Somerville, Mass. • **Jessica Christian** married Josh Weinger (Brandeis '00) on August 17 in Sharon, Mass. Congratulations! • **Blake Rutherford** and wife Jessica Dean moved in September to Philadelphia. Blake is continuing his work at the McLarty Companies, while Jessica has taken on a new position as a weekday evening news anchor at the CBS News affiliate in Philadelphia. • **Junheng Li** sent word that her new book, *Tiger Woman on Wall Street*, has been published. She writes, "I position the book as a showcase of how to conduct meticulous, exhaustive, investigative due diligence on companies and on the economy, techniques, and processes any serious investors need to be equipped with, especially when it comes to investing

in China, an emerging market where corporate governance is weak and the protection of the minority shareholders interests is extremely poor. The book is unique in that it's based on personal experience and it's rich in anecdotes and stories. It traces back to the '80s in China when I grew up, which provides a rich backdrop of China's (too) fast economic transformation." One of her dedications is to the College "for teaching me that life is an art, not a science."

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01 Keith Case '05 sent word that he and **Ethan Lacy**, who were in the same MIT architecture class (M.Arch 2010), were both recently licensed. • Over the summer of 2013, **Lorinc Redei** defended his PhD dissertation in international relations at Central European Univ. He is a lecturer at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the Univ. of Texas at Austin, teaching EU politics and transatlantic relations. He now uses the words "howdy" and "y'all" un-ironically, and is considering the cowboy-boots-with-tailored-suit look. Look him up if you're coming to town! • **James Ong**, **Emily Sharkey**, and big brother Miles are happy to announce the birth of Simon, born August 4. • **Becky Ruby Swansburg** was chosen for the inaugural class of the Frank Leadership Institute, a program of the national Jewish Council for Public Affairs aimed at developing Jewish leaders for interfaith, community, and public relations. The program kicked off with a trip to Poland and Israel in the fall, where the group met with government leaders and community organizations. Becky is incredibly excited about this opportunity. • **Jean Burr** and **John Colianni** welcomed their second baby in December 2012, a boy named Matthew, who joined their older son, Peter. They also moved their brood out of Central New York and back to Portland, Maine, last May. John took a new job with Martin's Point Health Care, and they have all been loving every minute of life on the coast. • **Garrett Dodge** continues to work on his start-up, a rapidly growing music company with a smart-phone app called Rockbot, while **Kristen (Lyall)** works in autism research at UC Davis. They had a summer get-together with a bunch of Midd Kids in NYC—**Miranda Hillyard**, **Tom Santoro**, and **Tom Keon**—and they anticipated a visit from **Dan McNamara** in California in late September. • **Tom Santoro** writes, "In October I moved to Nairobi, Kenya, to open a new office with the Public International Law and Policy Group, a global pro-bono law firm. I'm leading a two-year, State Dept.-funded project to offering support and training for domestic accountability mechanisms and strategic litigation initiatives in Kenya. Wife Andrea joined me in the beginning of November." • **Mariah McKechnie-Fadzievicz** writes, "I'm excited to announce the opening of a new location for my event-

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design business. We call it the Vault, because the space actually contains a historic vault from the 1939 World's Fair in NYC. Business is booming and we successfully delivered over 60 gorgeous events in Minnesota this summer!" • **Sharon Wilson Purdy** and husband Michael welcomed daughter Tirzah Mae on August 1. Elijah (4) and Jacob (2) are very loving and "hands-on" big brothers. • **Kelsey Doub** and Trevor Henry were married on April 6, 2013. They were fortunate to have many Middlebury friends in attendance: **Abbey Haber** and Chris Lindstrom '99, **Mike Kerkorian**, **Elizabeth Doyle Covio**, and **Jessica Bean**. Kelsey and Trevor live in Boston, Mass. • **Vasia Markides** has a very exciting project going on: "It has to do with a movement in Cyprus to turn an occupied ghost city into a model ecocity—the first of its kind, ever! We're making a documentary about this movement, which we started ourselves, and are trying to raise funds for it. We have been getting loads of press since we launched, with the BBC about to do a story on us this week." She was using Kickstarter as part of her fund-raising. • **Ellen Guettler** and husband Ben Pofahl welcomed their first child, Odin Edward Guettler Pofahl, on August 31.

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02 **Laurie Burgdorff** has written and illustrated a children's picture book, *Lewis the Lamb*, published by Shaggy Dog Press. • Middlebury roommates **Sean Hoskins** and Ray Coffey '01 caught up during Sean's recent trip to Burlington to visit Ray, Molly, and their delightful daughter Hattie. On a perfect fall day in Vermont, they ran into

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Matt and **Heather Beal LaRocca** picking apples at Shelburne Orchards.

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03 The Class of 2003 thanks **Meagan Dodge** for more than 10 years of dutiful service as class correspondent. She now is delighted to pass the torch to **Janine Knight-Grofe** and **Nathan Davis**, who are looking forward to keeping in touch with their fellow alumni. **Janine** is on a yearlong maternity leave with her still-pretty-new baby, Elijah, and Jakob (3). Her days consist of everything kid-related, including teaching Reggae Mamas, a postnatal dance fitness class. While it feels like another life at this point, Janine will soon return to her post as research manager at the Canadian Bureau for International Education, Canada's top national education organization dedicated exclusively to international education. (She helped write that tag line, so likes to use it!) **Nathan** spent six years as a fundraiser for New York's Whitney Museum of American Art and for the Apollo Theater before heading to law school. He now lives in Santa Monica with a boyfriend and a Labrador, working for the firm of Liner LLP in commercial and entertainment litigation, and he's charitably involved with California Lawyers for the Arts. What are you up to Class of '03? Contact us at the e-mails below. • In other 2003 news, **Shahan Mufti** has published *The Faithful Scribe: A Story of Islam, Pakistan, Family, and War*. In the book he writes about his family history, which he can trace back 1,400 years to the inner circle of the prophet Muhammad, and through his personal history, he tells the larger story of the history of Pakistan.

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04 REUNION CLASS **Devin Green**, **Jill Snider**, **Eric Ambrette**, **Vicky Baptiste**, and **Athenia Fischer-Rodney** returned to campus in October for Homecoming and the Alumni Leadership Conference to get a jump-start on planning the 10th reunion. • **John Dorazio** got married to Tara Morley (BC '04) on October 5. • **Ashley McBride Turner** and husband Guy welcomed Winter Downey Turner into the world on Saturday, October 26. Winter's older sister Skye is very happy to have a baby brother to play with!

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05 Last November **Andy Rossmeissl** and **Robbie Adler**, along with Jay '06 and Emily Adler Boren '07, Caitlin Littlefield '07, and Sam Morrill '08, spent 21 days rafting down the Colorado River, from the beginning of the Grand Canyon to the end. Andy sent a photo (see page 74)

and he writes, "Somebody at the alumni office was kind enough to loan me a flag, which spent three weeks awash in sand at the bottom of my dry bag except for when I would haul it out for group pictures. This particular shot is at Phantom Ranch, about halfway down the river, which is essentially the only sign of civilization you see during the trip." • **Keith Case**, who earned his master's in architecture from MIT in 2010, was recently licensed. • **Zahra Valimahomed Mehta** writes, "At the end of last year my husband Anand and I celebrated the arrival of our son, Bodhi Anand Mehta. Our little Panther was born on November 16, 2012." • **Christina Tolbert** graduated from Ross University School of Medicine and is now a resident physician at the Medical University of South Carolina. She visited with **Tina Velez** in November for Tina's birthday and in preparation for Tina's summer wedding. Tina is in her ninth year of teaching elementary school in NYC. Christina was also a part of the wedding party for **Erin Amico's** wedding in the Amalfi Coast, Italy. • **Dena Simmons** is spending a year at Phillips Exeter Academy, as one of their first dissertation-year fellows. She's writing her dissertation on teacher preparedness to address bullying in the middle school context. In April 2013 she gave a second TEDx talk titled, "It's 10 p.m. Do you know where your children are?" She is also at Middlebury this January, teaching a J-term course called Health Disparities in the U.S. • **Daniel Hughes** recently moved from the world of corporate litigation to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, prosecuting felony drug trafficking cases as a special narcotics prosecutor. He moved to Brooklyn with his wonderful wife, Melissa, and their rambunctious puppy, Xerxes. In the last few years, he is very happy to have attended the weddings of his fellow Panthers: **Sarah Bzdega Welch**, **Heather Harris Mancini**, **Derek Singer**, **Aaron Mensh**, **Brent Levy**, **Sara Rogers Meyerson**, and (to each other) **Joey Kohn** and **Katie Harrison**. • **Andrew Jacobi** is opening a sandwich shop in NYC, near Bryant Park, this January. The shop, called Untamed, serves braised meat sandwiches made with sustainable ingredients. He looks forward to serving Midd Kids a sandwich! Stop by and say hi! (He says he will be there day and night.)

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06 We would be remiss not to tip our caps to **Peter Hall**, who has created a new kind of inflatable stand-up paddleboard (SUP) at his company Hala Gear, based out of Steamboat Springs, Colo. • Please raise a glass of bubbly to **Matt Corrente**, who left Pistou to become the executive chef at Bluebird Tavern in Burlington, Vt. • And of course, wedding season carried over into the fall: **Travis Meyer** and **Celia Cohen** got married in September in beautiful rural Virginia, with a lot of '06ers annihilating the dance floor, including a sweaty **Jon Sisto** and a

calm and collected **JP Coviello**. Others in attendance included **Kristen Herzog**, **Julia Cardozo**, **Allison Smith**, **Anna Spiegel**, **Emily Enos**, **Bez Johnston**, **Alison Perencevich**, and **Chip Campbell**. • Side note, **Emily Enos** took a cross-country drive from Boston to San Francisco this past fall prior to starting nursing school. • Another Middlebury couple recently married was **Alex Nadas** and **Haley Gilbert** '07 in beautiful Woodstock, Vt. **Josh White**, **David Freedman** and **Zach Snyder** headlined the groomsmen, and many more Middlebury classmates were in attendance. • **Jamie Fey** also had a fantastic quintessential Maine wedding in Portland, complete with a lobster and clam-bake the night before, then a beautiful outdoor ceremony followed by dinner and dancing (and homemade Whoopie pies). Numerous friends from Middlebury joined the celebration. • In August **Clark Smith** and Amy McCowan '08 tied the knot after meeting at Middlebury fall semester 2004. They had a taco truck and bonfire on the beach to kick off the celebration, then the ceremony and reception at stunning Holman Ranch in Carmel, Calif. Midd friends flew in to join from as far away as China! Among Clark's wedding party were **Darryl Etter**, **Calvin Garner**, and **Peter Wolkowski**. Clark and Amy live in San Francisco. • **Elise Burditt** received an MBA in June 2013 from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern Univ. She's now living in NYC, working as an associate brand manager for OREO at Mondelez International. • **Katie Clagett** is now an admissions and financial aid officer at Harvard Univ. • Last May, **Mike** and **Courtney Swanda Philbin** ran the Vermont City Marathon in Burlington together. Courtney will also be running the 2014 Boston Marathon as a member of Team in Training to fund-raise for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Courtney and Mike went to California in the summer and spent an amazing week with **Jon Larson** and **Jamie Wong** in San Francisco. They also coincidentally ran into **Josh** and **Fran Filippelli Carson** in Big Sur while they were camping and traveling up the coast! • **Julie Gross Williams** reports that a great time was had by all at **Sarah Radosevich's** wedding in Minnesota in May. Other Midd guests included **Alexandra Polemis**, **Anna Marks**, and **Grace Armstrong**. • **Ben Bruno** and wife Lauren are living the dream and bought a house in Middlebury. They also got a dog, a chocolate Labradoodle named Tisbury. They were looking forward to this January, when **Andy Hale** and **Russ Johanson** were visiting winter term professors for the second time, teaching a course titled Infectious Disease: Historical Epidemics, Current Dilemmas, and Emerging Problems. • Midd alums traveled far and wide to execute a surprise birthday party in honor of **Calvin Garner's** 30th and **Grace Kronenberg Coriell's** 29th. Trekking from California, Boston, Vermont, upstate New York, Denver, and the Upper West Side, Midd friends treated Calvin to a ferry ride up the Hudson River to Bear Mountain Oktoberfest.

Beers and brats were had by all, namely **Josh Feldman**, **Dave Coriell**, **Eric Merkelson**, **Clark** and Amy McCowan '08 **Smith**, Sam Temes '07, Laura Silverman '07, **Jessica Hallett**, **Jess Van Wagenen O'Rielly**, **Lelia Yerxa**, **Elise Burditt**, Lauren Van Wagenen '08, **Kelly Boyle**, **Katie Claggett**, Caryn LoCastro '07, **Mike Ratpojanakul**, **Fran** and **Josh Carson**, and Anna Chavis '08. • **Jess Murray** graduated from Northwestern's JD-MBA program and has moved back to NYC to work at Kirkland & Ellis. She also celebrated **Caitlin Brome's** wedding in East Burke, Vt., in October. **Molly Cable**, **Mike** and **Courtney Philbin**, **Erika Gold Chaset**, **Rob** and **Camden Burton Hillas**, and **Laurie Griffin** were all there. • Finally, in regards to **Tyler Bak**, it's been an honor to entertain all of you these past few issues with updates about our classmate. But it's time for us to move on down the road, spend less time trying to fit an update in from our blue-eyed hero of lower Manhattan, and spend more time hearing from the rest of you. So if you have not seen your name in print in awhile, please let us know what you've been up to.

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07 Ashley Clark is finishing up her dual master's degrees (public policy and international area studies) at the Goldman School of Public Policy in Berkeley. This past summer she worked on a World Bank project, evaluating a roads project in Afghanistan. She has spent the past few years following her passion that was discovered at Middlebury—postconflict reconstruction efforts. She has worked on implementation efforts with Innovations for Poverty Action in Sierra Leone, USAID-Colombia in Colombia, and Lawrence Berkeley National Labs in Pune, India. She has an amazing dog named Herman who plays softball. • **Aly Bourne** and **Andrew Herzik** live together in the Bronx in NYC, where Andrew is in his third year at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He remedies his California homesickness by surfing off Long Island. Aly graduated from the French Culinary Institute in April with a degree in pastry arts. She now works at S'more Bakery and sells their baked goodies at Smorgasburg in Brooklyn on the weekends. • This past fall **Roshni Shikari** joined the ACLU of Illinois. This new role is a happy reason for her to finally return to Chicago, where she joins many other Midd alums, including **Sandy Sokoloski** and **Lisie Mehlman**. • **Amanda Goodwin** is the director of alumnae relations at the Nightingale-Bamford School, where she also runs student internship and mentorship programs and teaches American history. She now leads the Middlebury NYC alumni chapter and encourages anyone who wants to become involved to contact her! • After three-plus years in Washington,

D.C., **Scott Coriell** has moved back to Vermont and taken a job with Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin as a special assistant who works as a liaison with the Legislature. • **Ricky** and Kelly Patton '09 **Klein** have also moved back to Vermont where they have started a business brewing mead in Colchester. Their company, Groennfell Meadery, will have products in stores throughout the state in 2014.

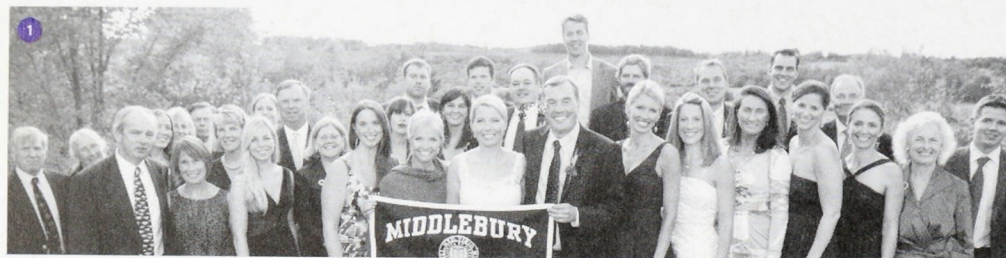
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08 Thanks to those who wrote in to share their news! In March, **Laura Budzyna** and **Ben Grimmnitz** set out on the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. In June, they moved to Boston, where Laura continues to work as an international development consultant. Ben began his residency in emergency medicine at Boston Medical Center. Ben previously received the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Gold Humanism Award and its emergency department's Medical Student Excellence Award. • In August, **Andy Mittelman** and **Lauren Sweetser** began medical school at the Boston Univ. School of Medicine and **Cait Parker** began at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine. • **Emily Dawson** is pursuing an MS in sustainability management through Columbia's School of Continuing Education and the Earth Institute. She is profiled on the Earth Institute's blog. • **Kelsey Eichhorn** is still living in London, where she is writing film criticism for a new digital film magazine and covering various European film festivals. She traveled to NYC this past summer and visited **Kristin Fraser**, **Emily Dawson**, and Nick Palmeri '09. • **Mallory Hicks** and **Drew Walker** were married at Shelburne Farms on Lake Champlain over Labor Day weekend. Local resident Scott Berkman, **Amy Berkman's** father, officiated, and **Chrissy Fulton** and **Andy Mittelman** delivered sententious toasts at the reception. • **Andrew Chambers** was married to Katie Glynn in Maine this summer. • **Jay Dolan** married Emory Dabney in Virginia in June. • As always, send any updates to Laura or Michelle!

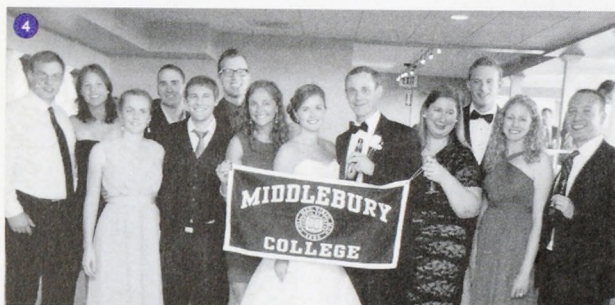
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09 REUNION CLASS Members of the Reunion Committee, including **Ramona Richards**, **Jack Wambach**, **Claire Graves**, **Ali Levy**, and **Eva Nixon** met up during Homecoming Weekend at Middlebury. If you have any ideas for games or photos you want to be included in a slideshow, send them along. Be sure to save the date on your calendars, June 6–8, and start getting excited for Reunion 2014! • **Greg McDermott** and **Kevin O'Rourke** are still living in NYC and attend-

ing Cornell Medical School. They frequently see **Hank Rosen**, **Noah Feder**, **Conor Lyons**, and **Brennan Long**, who are also living in NYC. • A number of '09ers have recently left the city and headed west. **Pete Murphy** and **Matt Ferrer** have joined **Pete Britt** and **Reisa Bloch** at UCLA Business School. During an epic road trip last summer, they visited **Drew Petzing** in Cleveland, Ohio, who now works for the Cleveland Browns. They also passed through Chicago to see **Jack Wambach** and **Ramona Richards**. • **Emily Asher** also lives in Chicago and works at Lake Forest Academy. Emily was living with **Katherine Lehman**, who has recently moved to D.C. for graduate school at George Washington Univ. • **Anna Draft** has just returned to Chicago after a few years in San Francisco. • Another former New Yorker, **Matt Leonard**, has recently left Manhattan, where he was living with **Chris Sesno**, for the West. He and **Justin Ouyang** also drove cross country and made stops in Cleveland, St. Louis, and Chicago. They also stopped in Denver, Colo., where they saw **Louise Song** and **Cully Cavness**. **Matt** and **Justin** have joined **James Giampietro**, **Leah Skahen**, **Monica Ralston**, **Hallie Fox**, and **Brendan Campbell** in the Bay Area. **James** has started a new job in nonprofit consulting and continues to play board games and soccer on the weekends. **Monica** is working in marketing at Solar City and regularly sees **Hallie**, who just finished grad school at Stanford and is now working at a charter school. **Brendan** has started a postbac program at Mills College. • **Zoe Victor** and **Alex Gart** just started Stanford Graduate School of Business in the fall. • **Eamon Duffy** is in his first year at Yale School of Medicine. This past summer **Eamon**, **James**, **Justin**, **Jake Liberman**, **John Thorp**, and **Max Obata** reunited in Michigan for a weekend on the lake. **Jake** is now working in Miami in real estate. **Tim Edwards** is also working in real estate in Miami. **Jake** and **Tim** joined their 15 other best friends in Charleston, S.C., for a reunion. Other guests included **Brendan Campbell**, **Hank Rosen**, **Bill Zrike**, **Conor Lyons**, **Kevin O'Rourke**, **Greg McDermott**, **Peter Murphy**, **Chris Sesno**, **Matt Leonard**, **Jack Wambach**, **Mike West**, and **Simon Thomas-Train**. • **Catherine Timmins** married Scott McKenzie in Asheville, N.C., in August. They were joined by **Katie Sparkes**, **Hank Rosen**, **Rainey Johnson**, **Teddy Kwasnik**, **Brendan Campbell**, **Marie Horbar**, **Emerson Tuttle**, and **Mallory Falk**. • **Cully Cavness**, **Richard** and **Catherine Hylas Saunders**, **Amanda Greene**, **Sam Libby**, **Maeve Whelan-Wuest**, **Mike West**, **Haik Kavookjian**, **Kelley Coughlan**, **Josh Deane**, **Mike Tierney**, and others gathered in Maryland in November for **Kevin Brown's** wedding. • **Jon Monnin**, **Sam Libby**, **Kyle Perez**, and **David Small** met up for a weekend of fishing in New York, returning low in tuna but high in spirits. • **Daniel Roberts** recently published *Zoom: Surprising Ways to Supercharge Your Career*, an extension



1 Hilary Johnson '02 and Andrew Gay '00 were married at Mead Chapel September 15, 2012, on a beautiful fall day, and the reception was held at the bride's parents' home in neighboring Cornwall. Many Middlebury friends and family joined the couple for the celebration: Bill Beane (coach), Judy Beane, Emily Lord '03, Sarah Brooks Minardi '02, Megan Sands '02, the newlyweds, Kyle Wheale MacDougall '02, Emily Hatch '02, Kirsten Sichler '02, Stella Harman '02, Sydney Johnston McConathy '02, Shari Galligan Johnson '68, Chad McConathy '04, (second row) Dwight Dunning '67, Judith Enright Dunning '66, Zoe Owers '02, Magna Leffler Dodge '68, David Dodge '69, Dana Curtis Keep '84, Helena Johnson, MA German '03, Dick Crumb '69, Ann Einsiedler Crumb '71, Brooke Beane '00, Chris Wenger '00, Katherine Barr Hollingsworth '00, Will Parker '00, Jordan Gutweiler '00, Bobby Gillespie '00, Justin Klein '00, Brad Gay '98, Andrew Sharp '00, and Bill Johnson '69. 2 At St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, Meghan Cannella '02 and Robert Carroll Jr. were married on September 15, 2012. Middlebury family and friends helped the couple celebrate: (all '02 unless noted) Lisa Bennett Prange, Anna Martin Denton, Patricia Shea, Bridget Dungan, the newlyweds, Allison Raggo Mason, Alison Branch Meade, Katelyn Cannella '08, Meghan Dwyer Lehr, Kate Clark Aitken, (second row) Brian Ferry, Melissa Stewart Bilodeau '99, Sebastien Bilodeau '97, and Mike Gentile '08. 3 Friends from the Class of 2001 gathered at Sel de la Terre restaurant in Boston to celebrate Leslie Fox Arnould's baby shower last year: Kate Griffiths Wilk, Kristen Sylva Capodilupo, Sarah Theall Lemke, Leslie, Becky Ruby Swansburg, and Kelsey Doub.



4 Rachel Lincoln '08 married Jan Grindrod on September 15, 2012, in Hingham, Mass. Middlebury alumni in attendance were Chris Vandergrift '11, Sam Dembicer '11, bridesmaid Hannah Lincoln '10, Ben Schiffer '10 as guest and DJ, Matt Groebe '08, Kyle Howard '10, H. Kay Merriman '10, the newlyweds, Rachel Strong '08, Matt Friend '07, Emily Sharkey '01, and James Ong '01. Missing from photo: bridesmaid Christiana Martenson '08.



5 Becky Belcher '01 married Peter Feen at the Nantucket Yacht Club on September 15, 2012. Middlebury alumni in attendance included (all '01 unless noted) Tripp Donelan '02, Jocelyn Hunter Hornblower, Alexandra Fay Baker, the newlyweds, Lucy Chapin '06, (second row) Brian Phinney '05, Dana Chapin Anselmi '02, Donald Anselmi '04, Randy Wilson Hall, Betsy Wheeler, Ted Parker '08, Heather Harken Parker '08, Jane Belcher Phinney '73, George Phinney '68, and Caitlin Toombs '05.

of *Fortune* magazine's 40 Under 40 franchise compiling profiles of young top entrepreneurs, business leaders, rising tech stars, and other young innovators to provide readers with tips to fast-track their own career success. It has been getting a lot of good press. Dan completed graduate school at Columbia University and works as a writer-reporter at *Fortune*, focusing on sports, business, tech, media, books, music, and branding. • **Cameron MacKugler** recently launched CloudFarm, a raised bed garden that can be monitored, watered, or sheltered remotely via smartphone, Internet, or integrated touchscreen. Through this innovative use of technology, CloudFarm will provide greater access to organic food production.

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10 H. Kay Merriman and Kyle Howard still love life in the shadow of the Brooklyn Bridge. Kyle works as a postproduction freelancer and H. Kay has recently transitioned into a school operations role for the Partnership for Inner-City Education. • **Alice Ford** returned from the Dominican Republic to spend the summer with her family in Maine. She now lives in NYC, teaching at the Bronx Community Charter School, and she's excited to be back in touch with so many Midd Kids! • After spending two years in NYC, **Carolyn Birskey** decided to give the lovely city of Boston a try. She recently moved to Beacon Hill with Sarah DeCamp '12 and loves exploring the city and meeting up with Midd Kids in the area, including **Hannah Burnett**, who is now working as an admissions counselor for Northeastern Univ. • These notes were collected after a Labor Day weekend on Cape Cod with **Emmy Burleigh**, **Connor Burleigh**, **Doug Grunseich**, **Molly Brister**, **Raina Crawford**, **Alice Ford**, **Kyle Howard**, **H. Kay Merriman**, **Hannah Burnett**, **Carolyn Birskey**, **Ben Zorach**, **Jack Kramer**, **Robbie Zabel** '11, and several other Midd Kids from the classes of 2011 and beyond! It was a wonderful, lobster-filled reunion! • The Class of 2010 is short on class updates! We would REALLY love to hear more about what you are up to! Please send us your updates whenever you get a chance! Thank you!

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11 The New York area is bustling with 2011ers. **Patrick Tivnan** started medical school at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in August. • **Jonathan Kay** recently moved uptown and just started his first year at Columbia Law School. • **Liana Fong** graduated from Bank Street with a master's in education. She's teaching second grade this year at Avenues, an immersion school only in its

second year, where students choose to spend half a day in either Mandarin or Spanish. She joined the Chinese side and uses the Chinese skills she learned at Midd! • **Melida Maldonado** is getting her master's in TESOL at Teachers College, Columbia Univ., and is student teaching at her old high school, the Marble Hill School for International Studies in the Bronx. • **Denizhan Duran** is working as a health-financing analyst with the Clinton Health Access Initiative in Lilongwe, Malawi. • **Rhoads Cannon** began studying for a master's in Russian foreign policy at Oxford Univ. in October and was very excited to be returning to the UK for further studies. • **Maggie Moslander** is living in Austin, Texas, with Alyssa O'Gallagher '12 and Emma Burke '12. She writes, "I just started a PhD program in political science at UT Austin, and I'm loving the city so far! Especially the breakfast tacos!" • **Anthony Kuchan** writes, "I'm several months into my relocation from NYC to North Carolina and I'm loving it down in Raleigh. I went to Charlotte for NFL opening weekend and got to see Steve Hauschka '07 kick for the Seahawks in their win over the Panthers. I also met up with Steve after the game. **Gary Cooper** came to Raleigh for a visit before heading to Oregon for grad school (sports marketing)." • **Andrew Somberg, Connor Green**, and a Parliament of Lord Jeffs recently moved into a new apartment together in San Francisco. • **Isshaq Sadaqah** and Hebba Saker celebrated their marriage in October in New York. He writes, "Professionally, I am working for a technology start-up based outside of Boston, before which I worked for an EMR company and consulted CVS Caremark IT in the Chicago area." • **Casey Mahoney** moved (again), this time from Washington State to Washington, D.C., for a two-year stint as a Nunn-Lugar Fellow at the U.S. Dept. of Defense within the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Threat Reduction and Arms Control. • **Tom Crocker** and **Evan Doyle** are living together for the fifth year in a row. They are both happily employed at Overland in Williamstown, Mass., and get to hike, bike, ski, and play throughout New England outside of work. They had the opportunity to work alongside many other Midd alums and current students, who were leading for Overland this summer. • **RJ Adler** has moved back to Vermont and is actually living in Middlebury, where he is the Addison County organizer for SunCommon, a solar installer in Waterbury Center. • Thanks again for the updates—keep them coming! E-mail us any time at midd2011@gmail.com.

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12 Hello classmates from 2012 and 2012.5! Here's hoping you are all doing well wherever you may be! Here are some updates from a few of us. • **Marcella Houghton** is an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, who is working at both Laraway

Youth and Family Services and Salvation Farms, supporting agricultural, educational, and outreach initiatives. • **Sam Hurt** reports, "In June I helped contribute to the repeal of DOMA in *United States v. Windsor*. As a paralegal at Paul Weiss, my role was a small one, but helping to represent Edie and see the end of a law that by its very definition made gays and lesbians second-class citizens was a powerful experience and one that I was very proud to be a part of." • **Sean Mann-O'Halloran** lives in Boulder, Colo., and is a yearlong intern with the American Civil Liberties Union, focusing on prisoner and indigent rights. • **Alex Margerite** started work this past summer in downtown Boston as a research specialist at Isaacson, Miller, an executive search firm specializing in C-level recruitment for mission-driven organizations. He says, "Thanks to the Midd professors who taught me the humility and artistry that define the research process." • **Emmy Masur** says, "I'm at Goucher College doing a post-baccalaureate, premedical program. I'm taking all the courses I need in order to apply to medical school this spring." • After a stint as an editor at the *Huffington Post*, **Joanna Rothkopf** is pursuing her MA in journalism at Columbia Univ. • **Astrid Schanz-Garbassi** just moved to Providence, R.I., where the density of flannel-wearing, beard-growing, beer-brewing granola-eaters is exceeded only by that of Proctor. "I'm part of a fellowship program called Venture for America (like TFA but for people that want to work at early-stage companies instead of schools). If you're not loving your current gig, please check it out! Midd kids **Taylor Sundali, Alex Bea**, and Peter DiPrinzio '13 did and they love it just as much as I do (hey guys!)." • **Nadia Schreiber** is now working in the Office of the President at Barnard College and trying to readjust to life in NYC. • **Robin Sheasley** says, "I'm living in Alaska and just got a new job working as a dog handler and trainer at a dog daycare that specializes in rehabilitating rescues and injured or recovering dogs. I love it! It's challenging and rewarding and not at all what I imagined I would be doing a year after graduating." • **Barbara Wilkinson** has started her first year of medical school at Case Western Reserve Univ. in Cleveland, Ohio, where she's also pursuing a master's in bioethics. It's a whirlwind, but she's loving every minute of it. • Congratulations to **Hannah Judge** and **Anna Clements** whose start-up, Broad Street Maps, was selected as a finalist for the International Telecommunication Union 2013 Young Innovators Competition. Out of 600 applications from 88 countries, Broad Street Maps was the only American organization that was invited to present their ideas at the UN's 2013 ITU Telecom World Conference in Bangkok in November. • Be sure to drop **Sara Cohen** or **Paige Keren** a line with an update!

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13 Many recent Midd graduates have jumped right back into education! Perhaps in a bit of a different role than they're used to, 2013 alums are teaching all over the world. • **Rosa Gandler** writes, "I'm teaching kindergarten in the Bronx with a charter school network called Success Academy. I have 30 wonderful scholars who are called the Class of 2030, because that is the year they will graduate from college!" • **Kate Anderson** passes along this dispatch from Hawaii! "I teach special education inclusion in math and science classes for high school students on the leeward coast of Oahu. I think education is a great tool for social change, and I hope I can expand my Native Hawaiian students' opportunities to explore the world, while learning a lot about their culture and community." • **Cody Gohl** is on a Fulbright in the Kalasin Province of Thailand, teaching English to young Thai students with goals "to offer them a different perspective on what education is and what it can be." You can read more about his time there by following this blog: Atleasthalfbright.blogspot.com. • **Elma Burnham**, on the other hand, remains in the Champlain Valley; she is completing the student teaching practicum with the Education Studies Dept. in a wonderful 5th and 6th grade classroom at the Lincoln Community School. • **Aya Gallego** reports, "I am an 8th grade reading teacher and am enrolled in a grad program called Relay Graduate School of Education." • **Barbara Ofosu-Somuah** says, "The Watson experience so far has been a mix of a lot of things. I spent my first month, August, experiencing Carifesta, which is a Caribbean festival of arts and culture. After two months in Rio de Janeiro, I headed to the Dominican Republic." • **Nathan Arnosti** works for the NYC Parks Dept. as a press officer. • Since graduating, **Corinne Prevot** has settled in Burlington to run her company, Skida, full time. She recently opened a showroom and workspace for her line of Vermont-made and ski-inspired headwear and accessories in the heart of Burlington's South End arts district. With the launch of a new kids collection, Corinne plans to develop the business and expand the product line while keeping all of the manufacturing in the U.S. • **Bronwyn Oatley** is an associate with Studio Y, a new innovation, leadership, and impact academy for young people in Ontario. • **Peter DiPrinzio** is a fellow with Venture for America, which recruits recent grads to work at start-ups for two years in growing cities across America, where they learn the skills needed to start their own companies. He currently lives in Baltimore and works for Pixelligent Technologies, a nanotech start-up making materials for electronic devices. • Rabbi Ira Schiffer sent the news that **David Imber** has begun the postbac, premed program at Bryn Mawr.

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30 **Conwell W. Abbott**, 103, of Windham, N.H., on January 12, 2013. After working various jobs during the Depression, he joined the Air Corps in 1941 and spent three years in London with the Headquarters Squadron of the 8th Air Force. After the war he joined Kenyon and Eckhardt, where he served as an accountant for 32 years. Predeceased by wife Frances (Judge) and son James, he is survived by daughter Ruth, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

34 **Carolyn Stafford Langdon**, 100, of Hartford, Conn., on December 13, 2012. She taught at the Norwich Free Academy for five years then from 1947 to 1953, she was involved with dog training. From 1953 to 1973 she was a freelance magazine and newspaper writer of gardening, dog training, and New England history. Predeceased by husband Howard, she is survived by son Howard, two grandsons, and three great-grandchildren.

38 **Arne Bulkeley Beltz**, 95, of Anchorage, Alaska, on February 1, 2013. With a nursing degree from Yale School of Nursing, she worked for the Visiting Nurse Service in both NYC and Georgia before serving as an Army nurse during WWII in the Philippines. Moving to Alaska, she worked as a public health nurse for many years, becoming the supervisor for the Health Dept. and then the division manager of physical health. In 1990 the Health Dept. building in Anchorage was named for her and she was inducted into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame, Class of 2013. Predeceased by husband William, sons Mark and Axel, and daughter Katherine, she is survived by son William, three grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Marjorie Bulkeley Garwood '37.

40 **Frederic L. Davis**, 94, of Indianapolis, Ind., on January 14, 2013. During WWII he served in the South Pacific with the Navy and after the war continued with the Navy Reserve, retiring as a lieutenant commander. With a degree from the Wharton School of Business, he had a long career with RCA as a computer programmer and systems analyst. He is survived by wife Lois, children Peter, Lindsay, and Chris, and one grandchild.

Virginia Tiffany Leighton, 94, formerly of Winsted, Conn., on January 13, 2013. At Middlebury she was in Phi Mu and worked on the *Campus*. After graduation she worked as a technician at MIT and Lever Bros. She was an active volunteer in many organizations. She also played cello with the Torrington Civic Symphony and was their historian. Predeceased by husband Frank, she is survived by sons Jeffrey and Roger, daughter Cynthia, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Tiffany Clark Nourse '47 and husband Bart '48.

41 **Mary Nelson Loud**, 92, of South Portland, Maine, on January 31, 2013. After graduation she taught high school French and Spanish before working at John Hancock in Boston. While raising her children she was an active volunteer for the Scouts and her church. When her husband formed his business, she handled financial matters. Predeceased by husband Will, she is survived by daughter Cynthia, son Philip, and six grandchildren.

William E. McMahon, 95, of Greensboro, N.C., on December 31, 2012. While at Middlebury he participated in cross-country running and track and was a member of Sigma Epsilon. During WWII, he served in the Coast Guard, attaining the rank of lieutenant. He had a career in copyediting and proofreading, first with Curtis Publishing Co. then with *Playboy* magazine. Wife Eileen (Roberts) survives him.

43 **Eleanor Wilcox Murphy**, 91, of Bennington, Vt., on January 2, 2013. At Middlebury she was in Sigma Kappa. After graduation she taught at Arlington (Vt.) High School and worked at Bennington College. She was an active volunteer with the Red Cross and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. Predeceased by husband Arthur and daughter Janice, she is survived by son Kevin, daughter Candace, and two grandchildren.

46 **Margaret A. Booker**, 87, of Manhasset, N.Y., on November 15, 2012. A Phi Mu at Middlebury, she completed a secretarial course after college and worked in various companies, including the Guggenheim Foundation, Mutual Broadcasting, the Merrill Anderson Co., the MS Society, and Turner Construction Co.

Natalie M. Fox, 87, of Sudbury, Mass., on January 16, 2013. At Middlebury she was a Sigma Kappa. She taught English at Whitman (Mass.) High School then after becoming certified as a special education teacher, taught in the Waltham (Mass.) High School. She also tutored in the Sudbury schools. She is survived by husband George, son James, daughters Meredith, Linda, and Alison, and seven grandchildren.

Bette Bertschinger Saul, 89, of Gladwyne, Pa., on January 6, 2013. At Middlebury she played tennis, worked on the *Campus*, was a member of Pi Beta Phi, and served as president of her class. She was a generous contributor of time and effort to numerous charity causes. She and her husband also traveled extensively around the world. She is survived by husband Ralph, son Robert, daughter Jane, and four grandchildren as well as brother James '45.

48 **Katherine Rapp Nathan**, 84, of Brooklyn, N.Y., on December 13, 2011. With a master's

of science in education from Hofstra, she taught sixth grade. After becoming a certified Brailist, she was an itinerant teacher of the blind and visually handicapped for eight years. She then obtained schooling in computer programming and worked on IBM mainframes for 13 years before retiring to various part-time jobs. Predeceased by husband Donald, she is survived by daughters Amy and Judy, son Michael, and three grandchildren.

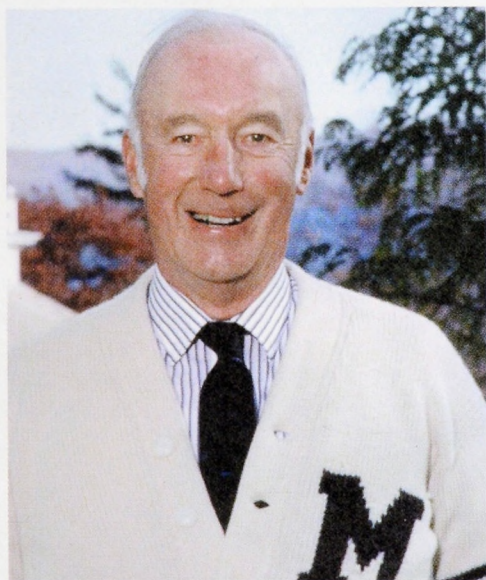
Carolyn Kanen Tynan, 86, of Pompton Plains, N.J., on January 8, 2013. After attending secretarial school, she worked as a legal secretary for 19 years at Hooper and Dunham in NYC. She also earned her private pilot's license. She was active in genealogy, quilting, and with the DAR. She is survived by husband Howard, son James, and one grandson.

49 **Cynthia Buehr Haas**, 85, of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on January 30, 2013. She lived abroad for several years and worked for a time at the *Paris Herald Tribune*. She held a number of publishing and travel jobs in NYC, including as the travel editor for *Glamour Magazine*. She also worked briefly for Al Italia Airlines. She was twice married, first to Michel Seneque and later to Ernst Haas, the well-known photographer. She is survived by daughters Christina Seneque and Victoria Haas, and son Alexander Haas, as well as stepsister Wendy Buehr Murphy '56.

William von Dreele, 88, of Allendale, N.J., on January 19, 2013. During WWII he served with the Army's 78th Infantry Division, fighting in the European Theater. A Theta Chi at Middlebury, he earned his master's from NYU. He worked as a writer in the communications dept. at IBM for 25 years. He also contributed political verse to the *National Review* and later published *If Liberals Had Feathers, Gee, What a Hunter I'd Be* and *There's Something about a Liberal*. In 1991 he was commissioned by William F. Buckley Jr. to write new interludes for Camille Saint-Saen's *Carnival of Animals*, to replace original verse by Ogden Nash. In 1997 Middlebury bestowed an honorary Doctor of Letters on him. He is survived by sister Elizabeth.

50 **Leigh R. Wright**, 87, of Honolulu, Hawaii, on January 11, 2013. In 1943 he was drafted into the Navy, serving in Puerto Rico. At Middlebury he was in Theta Chi. With a master's in history and politics, he worked seven years in Washington, D.C., as a political analyst before moving to London to earn his PhD in Asian history. He began a long career in teaching at the Univ. of Hong Kong for 22 years and also taught at Russell Sage College and the Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa. He produced and collaborated on several books on history and Asian culture. Predeceased by two sisters and brother Vernon '41, he is survived by a sister and three brothers.

IN MEMORIAM



DAVID E. THOMPSON

APRIL 7, 1925–NOVEMBER 30, 2013

Trustee Emeritus David E. Thompson, 88, of Panton, Vt., passed away on November 30, 2013. After enrolling in Middlebury in 1942, he joined the Army and served in the Philippines during WWII, rising to the rank of staff sergeant. He returned to complete his degree in 1949 at the College, where he was a member of Delta Upsilon and played both football and hockey. Moving back to his hometown of Needham, Mass., he worked for 10 years for other companies before starting his own business working with architects and owners, consulting and selling architectural hardware and other building components. He was a member of several professional organizations, including the American Society of Architectural Hardware Consultants, who awarded him numerous honors. He also taught for two weeks annually at the Architectural Institute in Chicago.

A loyal Middlebury alumnus, he was an active volunteer under every president from Samuel Stratton to Ron Liebowitz. He helped found the first Middlebury Mens Alumni Club of Boston and was elected an alumni trustee in 1974. He served until 1979 and served again on the Board of Trustees from 1989–1994. He volunteered extensively for various alumni committees and in the 1980s, chaired the Campaign for Middlebury College, helping amass \$80 million for scholarships, faculty, infrastructure, and endowment. He continued his College involvement as a trustee emeritus and also devoted time to organizations in Addison County after moving to Vermont, including serving on the boards of the United Way, Porter Hospital, and Helen Porter Nursing Home.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Doris Jane "Perry" (Maurer), children David '72, Laurie '75, and Donald '77, five grandchildren including Andrew Thompson '00, two great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

52 Carol Witham Brewster, 81, of Manchester, Maine, on January 15, 2013. After graduation she worked at the *Christian Science Monitor* in Boston. Her love of writing continued in Maine, where she worked on the *Maine Land Advocate* and *Maine Environment*. She was a founder of the Univ. of Maine at Augusta Senior College and served on its board of directors for 10 years. She was an avid downhill skier. Predeceased by husband Pat and son Benjamin, she is survived by sons Seth and Toby and seven grandchildren.

53 Barbara Holme Conroe, 81, of Ballston Spa, N.Y., on January 14, 2013. An Alpha Xi Delta at Middlebury, she graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. After raising her children, she became the secretary of the Potsdam (N.Y.) Public Library until 1986. Moving to the Saratoga Springs, N.Y., area, she began 20 years of volunteering in the Saratoga Hospital emergency dept. and serving as an officer in the volunteer guild of the hospital. Survivors include husband Bruce, sons Scott, David, and John, daughter Laurie, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

54 Russell C. Briggs, 80, of Portland, Maine, on January 21, 2013. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he earned his medical degree from the Albany Medical College of Union Univ. After a residency in radiology at the UVM hospitals, he spent two years as a radiologist at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn. With a fellowship, he taught at the Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, before joining the staff of the radiology dept. at Maine Medical Center in Portland. On his retirement in 1994, the Russell C. Briggs Award for his teaching was established. He is survived by wife Barbara (McKnight), daughters Katherine '85 and Elizabeth, sons Thomas, John, and William, and four grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include great-niece Emily Stitt '14. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother John Briggs '55.

55 Gordon L. Brown Jr., 81, of North Conway, N.H., on January 10, 2013. At Middlebury he was on the ski team and the ski patrol, which he continued doing throughout his life. He owned and ran the Willard D. Martin Insurance and Real Estate Agency in Marblehead, Mass., and was involved in many community organizations. Predeceased by wife Judy (Berry) '55, he is survived by partner Sylvia Swain, daughter Donna, sons Douglas and Geoffrey, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

56 Elizabeth Curit Gosselin, 78, of North Yarmouth, Maine, on January 10, 2013. A Delta Delta Delta at Middlebury, she began her career as a chemist with American Cyanamid. She later edited scientific journals and worked for several banks. In the mid-1990s she became a real estate broker before she and her husband founded Yarmouth Auto Sales, which

they ran for over 10 years until retiring in 2005. She is survived by husband Paul, sons Chris, Eric, and John, and five grandchildren.

57 Gaydell Maier Collier, 77, of Sundance, Wyo., on January 18, 2013. While living in Laramie, Wyo., she collaborated on three books about horses and worked as the circulation manager at the Univ. of Wyoming library. In Sundance, she became the Crook County library director for 14 years and in 1990 was named the Librarian of the Year by the Wyoming Library Assoc. She also operated her ranch bookstore, Backpocket Books. She edited several books with women writers and in 2012, published her memoir, *Just Beyond Harmony*. Predeceased by husband Roy, daughter Jenny, and son Frank, she is survived by son Sam and daughter Seda, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

59 H. William Koster Jr., 76, of Salisbury, Conn., on January 30, 2013. At Middlebury he was in Zeta Psi and worked on the *Campus*. After his first job as a reporter at Dunn and Bradstreet in Rhode Island, he worked at several banks before beginning a 25-year career at Salomon Brothers and Daiwa Securities. Survivors include wife Helen (Howard), daughters Karen and Margaret '87, sons H. William III and Michael, and 10 grandchildren.

61 Josephine B. Lenfestey, 73, of San Francisco, Calif., on January 2, 2013. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she worked in Washington, D.C., after graduation for a congressman before moving to Europe and working for Radio Free Europe. In 1967 she moved to NYC and worked for the Museum of Modern Art in public relations. Settling in San Francisco, she worked as a political consultant. She is survived by sister Lynn and brother Jim.

62 George C. Brox, 72, of Hobe Sound, Fla., on January 1, 2013. In Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he was in the Coast Guard before earning his MBA at Boston College. He was the vice president of Brox Industries for many years. Survivors include wife Vicky (Slusher), daughters Melanie and Jessica, and six grandchildren.

Eileen Glasoe Latreille, 72, of Menasha, Wis., on January 12, 2013. She was an active volunteer while raising her children, serving the United Way, Visiting Nurse Assoc., and Meals on Wheels among other organizations. In Wisconsin she worked with the Neenah-Menasha Emergency Society and as a docent at the Bergstrom Mahler Museum. She was a gifted photographer. She is survived by husband Phil '61, sons Philip, Stephen, and Douglas, and seven grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sisters Maren Hexter '59 and Nordis Glasoe '68.

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Nancy Moores Poltrack '32	July 26, 2013
Louise Hubbard McCoy '36	October 13, 2013
Marshall Sewell '37	November 7, 2013
Beverly Barton Hall '40	September 18, 2013
Kenneth L. Temple '40	September 30, 2013
Mary Lloyd Weaver '40	November 12, 2013
Jean E. Emmons '41	November 11, 2013
Charlotte Miller Karr '41	October 25, 2013
Mary Clough Johnstone '42	September 11, 2013
Page S. Ufford Jr. '43	September 22, 2013
Helen C. Bailey '44	November 22, 2013
Priscilla Hodges Heald '45	September 11, 2013
Charlotte P. Hickcox '45	October 5, 2013
Rose Hull Terrill '47	September 19, 2013
Nancy Weale McGuire '48	September 25, 2013
Seabury T. Short Jr. '48	September 7, 2013
Jack Barlow '49	November 9, 2013
Janet McIntosh Straley '50	November 20, 2013
Karl S. Rannenbergh Jr. '51	September 29, 2013
Carol Brautigam Andrews '52	November 13, 2013
Kenneth A. Nourse '52	November 10, 2013
Patricia Heap Rockwell '53	November 6, 2013
Robert C. Royce '53	October 31, 2013
Hazel Hoxie Greaves '54	October 20, 2013
John W. Ackerman '55	November 22, 2013
Mary Bachman Wright '58	October 28, 2013
Edward J. Fairbanks Jr. '60	November 7, 2013
Richard S. Rubin '61	September 20, 2013
Eugene D. Sapadin '61	September 19, 2013
Richard H. Kennedy '65	October 29, 2013
Albert Reilly II '65	October 17, 2013
William H. Wright III '65	September 6, 2013
Walter C. Green '69	October 22, 2013
Burnett G. Bartley III '72	October 14, 2013
Lois K. Ongley '73	November 16, 2013
Pamela Klimenok Parsons '73	October 13, 2013
Gretchen L. Witt '77	September 11, 2013
Elizabeth Dorr McKinley '82	November 9, 2013
Donovan S. Dickson '11	October 5, 2013

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Arch J. Welton, MA French '49	May 22, 2013
Edgar A. Gauthier, MA French '55	November 24, 2013
Maurice A. Cagnon, MA French '61	July 18, 2013
Michelle Barnes Infanger, MA French '77	October 15, 2013
Dorothea K. Kuta, MA German '64	May 15, 2013
Janet Quaganti Leuci, MA Italian '64	November 20, 2013
Sr. Carmela Melucci, MA Italian '75	September 11, 2013
Clifford J. Gallant, MA Spanish '54	October 14, 2013
Thomas F. Haupt, MA Spanish '55	September 21, 2013
Peter W. Stites, MA Spanish '58	October 16, 2013
J. Ernest Belanger, MA Spanish '66	October 22, 2013
Wendy N. Greenberg, MA Spanish '96	August 28, 2013

63 **Bryant D. Jones**, 71, of Burlington, Vt., on January 12, 2013. A KDR at Middlebury, he left after two years to join the Army Security Agency. After earning his BA in math from UVM, he began a career in teaching, working 19 years at the Shelburne (Vt.) Middle School. He was also an instructor at Champlain College. He is survived by son Douglas, daughter Amy, and two granddaughters.

65 **Paul A. Witteman**, 69, of New York, N.Y., on January 1, 2013. At Middlebury he was in Delta Upsilon and played basketball. After graduation he served as an infantry lieutenant in South Korea during the Vietnam War. He returned to Middlebury and served a few years as the last sports information director at the College before the position was eliminated. With a degree from the Columbia Univ. School of Journalism, he joined the staff at *Time*, becoming deputy chief of correspondents and then assisting managing editor for *Sports Illustrated*. He is survived by wife Ellie McGrath and daughter Kate.

71 **Kenneth L. Bergstrom**, 64, of Essex Junction, Vt., on February 1, 2013. A Zeta Psi at Middlebury, he had a long career in education. With an MEd, a CAGS, and a doctoral degree in leadership and policy studies from UVM, he taught middle grades for 15 years and was a founding member of the Vermont Middle Grades Professional Development Collaborative. He also taught at Goddard College and Union Institute & University. He is survived by daughters Timiny and Tatiana, stepdaughters Heather and Elisabeth, and one grandson.

Laura K. Krebill, 63, of Wellington, Colo., on January 11, 2013. With a master's in literature from UNC at Chapel Hill, she worked for various corporations including the Minnesota Education Technology Alliance and Team Labs Corp. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, and brother.

85 **Jennifer Croland Leuthke**, 49, of Haworth, N.J., on January 2, 2013. She was an avid runner and loved music. Predeceased by father Barry '59, she is survived by mother Joan, husband Michael, and sons Andrew, Benjamin, Michael, and William. Surviving Middlebury relatives include David Krugman '58, Andrew Krugman '90, and sister Elizabeth Sarakin '84. Deceased Middlebury relatives include B. Richard Grant '59.

FACULTY

Jacques A. Jimenez, 75, of Stamford, Conn., on August 25, 2013. After attending St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif., he was ordained as a Catholic priest by the San Francisco Archdiocese. He served as a parish priest and taught high school before leaving the priesthood and earning an Ed.D. from UMass in

Amherst. He was the director of the teacher education dept. at Middlebury from 1973–1979 before leaving to teach at the Mead School in Greenwich, Conn., and work at Communispond in NYC. He then cofounded his own company, Communication Patterns. He is survived by wife Polly, daughters Jessica and Angela, and two grandchildren.

STAFF

George McPhail Jr., 57, of Middlebury, Vt., on August 17, 2013. In 1990, he moved his family to Orono, Maine, so he could attend the Univ. of Maine as a freshman at age 34. With a degree in mechanical engineering, he accepted a position at the International Paper Co. in Ticonderoga, N.Y. In 1998 he began his career at the College as a staff engineer in Facilities Services and was promoted to assistant director in 2005. He enjoyed bass fishing and kayaking. Predeceased by daughter Tracy, he is survived by wife Karen and daughter Betsy.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

44 **Ruth Seifert Phelps**, 91, MA German, of Durham, N.C., on October 20, 2012. She taught German at Elon College and piano at Duke Univ. and was the church organist at Duke Memorial Methodist Church for many years.

67 **Karen O. Austin**, 68, MA Spanish, of Oak Grove, Miss., on October 31, 2012. With a PhD in Spanish from the Univ. of Kentucky, she joined the faculty of the Univ. of Southern Mississippi in the Dept. of Foreign Languages in 1971. She initiated the Spanish for Law Enforcement program.

80 **Fitzgerald L. Booker**, 58, MA English, of Durham, N.C., on October 25, 2012. With a PhD in botany from North Carolina State Univ., he worked for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture with a joint appointment in the Dept. of Crop Science at North Carolina State Univ. His research focused on the mechanisms by which air pollution negatively impacts crops.

86 **William A. Kromer**, 66, MA English, of Hancock, N.Y., on October 2, 2012. For 30 years he taught English and Spanish at Downsville (N.Y.) Central School and also coached soccer and baseball. In retirement he taught Spanish at the Family Foundation School.

92 **Michael D. Fisher**, 59, MA French, of Douglas, Ga., on November 9, 2012. He was an emeritus professor of English and French at South Georgia College, after a distinguished 25-year teaching career.

97 **Patricia C. Ellison**, 75, MA English, of Tacoma, Wash., on October 5, 2012.

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES I. ARMSTRONG**APRIL 20, 1919–DECEMBER 16, 2013**

James Isbell Armstrong, the 12th president of Middlebury College, passed away on December 16 at his home in Hanover, N.H., with his wife, Carol, and family members by his side. He was 94 years old.

Armstrong served as president from 1963 through 1975 during one of the most turbulent periods in U.S. history, a time marked by war abroad and assassinations at home, when American streets were embroiled in the fight for civil rights and when the global economy was faltering. On campus there was unrest, social change, and financial stringency. And yet when James Armstrong left office, he had done nothing less than establish Middlebury as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country. During his time at the College, he instituted the first tenure system at Middlebury, initiated a faculty research fund, created a professional leave program, enlarged the size of the faculty, increased faculty salaries, reduced teaching loads, and had a direct hand in shaping curriculum and academic policy.

"Jim loved Middlebury and his leadership and commitment remade this institution into the center of excellence it remains to this day. We all owe him our gratitude and thanks," President Ron Liebowitz wrote in an e-mail to the Middlebury community.

Born on April 20, 1919, and raised in Princeton, N.J., Armstrong prepared for college at the Taft School in Connecticut and returned home in 1937 to enroll at the university where his father, William P. Armstrong, was a member of the faculty. James Armstrong graduated from Princeton, Phi Beta Kappa with a major in classics, just a few months before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, served with Army Intelligence in the Pacific, and rose from the rank of private to captain. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service and was discharged in 1946. Armstrong was called back into uniform in 1951–1952 for the Korean War.

Between the wars he was awarded a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship and earned a PhD in Greek literature from Princeton in 1949. While pursuing his doctoral studies, Armstrong discovered his love of teaching Greek to undergraduates and his passion for sharing the intricacies of Homeric literature.

He held instructor positions at Princeton and Indiana University before accepting his alma mater's offer of an assistant professorship in the classics department in 1954. He subsequently was appointed assistant dean of the graduate school and was later promoted to associate professor and associate dean of the graduate school.

In 1963, as Middlebury's 11th president, Samuel Stratton, was preparing to step down from office, the Board of Trustees' search committee, chaired by L. Douglas Meredith, approached the 44-year-old Armstrong.

As writer David Bain recounted in *The College on the Hill*, Armstrong had developed "a reputation for scholarship at Princeton as he moved beyond the classroom into administration. With his academic aura and enthusiasm for

Homeric epics and oral poetry, Armstrong [would offer] a marked contrast to the retiring, often imperious, President Stratton with his business school background."

In his inaugural address, delivered on November 8, 1963, Armstrong said: "There is no room in this hour of man's history on earth for luxury education with finishing-school overtones, for fads, frills, and fringes....What is at stake here at Middlebury is the importance and relevance of the liberal arts and liberal sciences—here and now—in the space-atomic-computer-satellite age—this age of segregation and inequality, persecution and intolerance, prejudice and provincialism—yet at the same time this age of social and moral concern, of internationalism and cooperation, of gigantic strides in understanding through communication."

The new college president received a Western Union telegram on his inauguration day. It read: "I extend to you my warmest best wishes and my full confidence that you will sustain the high traditions and standards that have been set by Middlebury College. You bring to this new assignment an outstanding record of scholarship, and it is most heartening that your talents will now serve this important and influential institution."

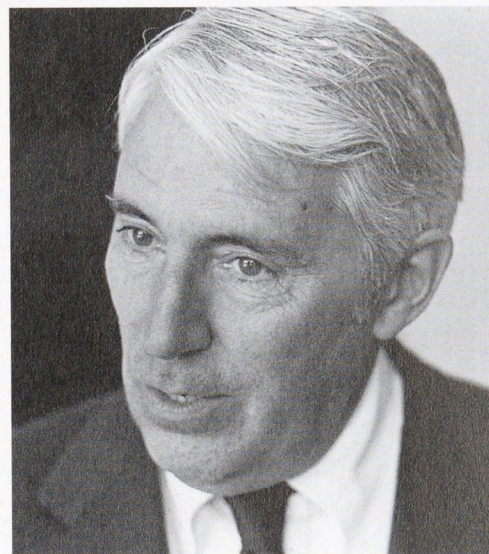
The telegram was signed "John F. Kennedy."

The new College president embarked on an ambitious fund-raising effort, turning first to the Ford Foundation before launching a capital campaign. By the third anniversary of his inauguration, the College had raised \$8.3 million. The Armstrong administration built Sunderland Language Center (1965), Johnson Memorial Music and Art Building (1968), the Science Center (1968), the four dormitories Kelly-Hadley-Lang-Milliken (1969–1971), the Social-Dining Units (1970), which later became the Freeman International Center, and Fletcher Field House (1974).

During Armstrong's tenure of office, Carr Hall was converted into an infirmary and four other buildings—Voter, Warner, Munroe, and Old Chapel—were renovated to accommodate Middlebury's growing enrollment and increased size of the faculty and staff.

Though capital projects may have been the most visible campus changes during Armstrong's tenure, he had just as great an impact in other arenas, as well. The summer language programs expanded to include schools in Chinese (1966) and Japanese (1970), while the Language Schools and Schools Abroad added courses at the undergraduate level when, heretofore, coursework had been for master's and doctoral degree candidates only. In addition, Armstrong and the trustees launched the 175th Anniversary Campaign in 1971 with the goal of raising \$10.5 million. At its conclusion, the campaign had raised more than \$13.8 million.

In the fall of 1974, Armstrong informed the trustees of his intention to resign on September 1, 1975, to become the president of the Charles A. Dana Foundation, where he served six years. During his tenure the foundation completed construction of the Dana Building at the Sidney Farber Cancer Institute, established the \$2.5 million Dana Distinguished Conductors Endowment at the New York Philharmonic, opened the Dana Cancer Center in Boston, and set



in motion the construction of the Dana Education Wing at the American Museum of Natural History.

In 1977 Armstrong returned to Middlebury to accept the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters. The citation read, in part: "New centers for the arts, the languages, and the sciences, and an unprecedented six endowed professorial chairs are tangible evidence of your vigorous and confident administration. Yet we know that the educational successes which honor you the most are the many gifted scholars and teachers you brought to this college on the hill."

After leaving the Dana Foundation in 1981, Armstrong and his wife, the former Carol Aymar, whom he married in 1942, retired to their farm in Wells, Maine. Though Armstrong turned aside a number of offers to return to higher education in the 1980s, when Westbrook College called in 1986 he accepted an interim presidency. The small coeducational school located about 35 miles "down east" from the farm in Wells needed an experienced chief executive to guide it through a difficult, one-year period of transition. Later, Westbrook College (now part of the University of New England) named James Armstrong an "honorary alumnus" for "showing unusual interest and giving substantial service" to the institution and its graduates.

In 1999 James and Carol Armstrong returned to Middlebury for the dedication of the James I. Armstrong Library, the College's science library located on two floors inside the magnificent, new Bicentennial Hall. In 2010 the College established the James I. Armstrong Professorship in Classical Studies in honor of Armstrong and his lasting and far-reaching contributions to Middlebury.

Predeceased by daughter Carol and grandson David, Armstrong is survived by wife Carol, son James Jr., director of choirs at the College of William and Mary, daughter Elizabeth, associate professor of East Asian studies at Bucknell University, and grandchildren Christopher, Jamieson, Robert, Caecilia, Rebekah, and Mariah.

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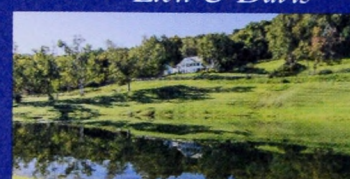
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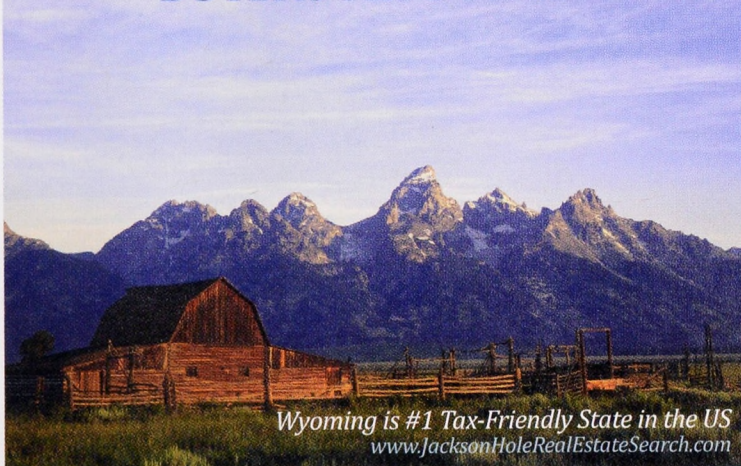


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BY CAROL WESTON, MA SPANISH '79

On Teaching

My husband and I never dreamt we'd teach at Middlebury. ¶ It doesn't seem so long ago that we met as students. Rob Ackerman '80 was in Spain on a junior-year abroad, and I was getting my master's in Spanish. We met in a graduate theater class in Madrid. Our homework was to see a play. Rob and I saw

the play—and began seeing each other. This was in 1978. By 1990, we were married and had two daughters. In 2008, our second, Emme, applied early decision to Middlebury. One tense December morning, she leaned into her laptop and pressed in a code. She got in!

Two years later, Rob and I drove from Manhattan to Middlebury to hear her sing a capella and to ski at the Snow Bowl. (Rob's and my pre-nup agreement had been that I'd learn to ski. Why? Because if I skied, I might enjoy winter rather than hunkering down like a bear in a cave waiting for it to be over.)

January 2011, however, was brutal. After three freezing runs, I decided to warm up in the lodge. Rob kept skiing and met an alum, Sam Silver '86, on a chairlift. Sam was teaching a J-term class and said it was incredibly hard, incredibly fun, and that his course on the death penalty ended with a mock trial at the Addison County Courthouse. When Sam learned that Rob and I are writers, he said we should think about teaching too.

Emme, Class of 2013.5, approved the idea, bless her. So we applied, sending in proposals

and résumés. Rob would teach Writing American Theater; I would teach Writing First Person. When we heard back in June, it was the old-fashioned way: thick snail-mail envelopes. We got in!

Now we had to consider two important matters: (1) Who would take care of our cat? (2) How would we teach writing? Finding a cat-sitter proved easy, but preparing our syllabi took weeks. It was not easy to figure out how to squeeze everything we knew into just 16 seminars.

In November 2012, as I was sipping my coffee, I opened an e-mail: "I was really hoping to get into your J-term class," it read. "Unfortunately, somehow I was too late, even though I registered right at 7 AM."

Huh? I had a waitlist? I e-mailed Middlebury. Yes, 12 registered students, 14 hopefuls. Whoa. This was official.

Emme urged me to throw the classroom doors wide open. But I liked the idea of just a dozen Midd Kids discussing style and story, verbs and voice. We would read excerpts of memoirs, essays, and fiction, writing up a

storm, and critiquing our pages together.

When I told Helen, who cleans our apartment each week, that Rob and I would be away in January, she asked, "How will you teach writing?" I said that I'd give a prompt, the students would run with it, and we'd share the work aloud in a supportive atmosphere.

"A prompt?"

"If I say, for instance, 'your grandmother's hands,' the kids might look perplexed, but then they'd start writing a mile a minute—for 10 minutes."

Helen nodded. "My grandmother, in Trinidad, had one hand that was bigger and stronger than the other. She never went to school, but she delivered all the babies in our village. All of them! I was one of nine siblings. Once, I was playing with my sister, and my grandmother and mother were in the next room. Suddenly we heard a cry, and we knew we had another baby..."

"Wow," I said. "You get an A."

Rob and I had a great time teaching writing last January. Full disclosure: We did some skiing too. ■



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